



# City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
53202

## Meeting Minutes

### MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

**ALD. MICHAEL J. MURPHY, CHAIR**

**Ald. Nik Kovac, Vice-Chair**

**William DeLind, David Flores, Donald Fraker, Marcela Garcia,  
April Heding, Vedale Hill, Tina Klose, Diane Kosarzycki, Emilia  
Layden, Sandra McSweeney, Polly Morris, Tim Murphy, Paula  
Phillips, Kantara Souffrant, and Oscar Tovar**

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Wednesday, July 14, 2021

4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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**Please note the change of date**

**Call in Number: +1 (571) 317-3122**

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#### 1. Roll Call

*The meeting convened at 4:06 PM*

*Individuals also present:*

*Sally Svetic - DCD*

*Terri Grote - DCD*

**Present** 12 - Murphy, McSweeney, Morris, Flores, Fraker, Kosarzycki, Murphy, Kovac,  
Klose, Phillips, Heding and Tovar

**Absent** 1 - Hill

**Excused** 4 - DeLind, Layden, Garcia and Souffrant

#### 2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*Ald. Kovac moved approval of the minutes. There were no objections.*

#### 3. Public Art Subcommittee Report

*Ms. Morris stated Riverworks received a grant for a way finding project, but then they found additional funds, so they wanted to use the grant for murals instead. She stated that the Subcommittee recommended that the funds can be used for the new project.*

*Mr. Murphy stated the project seems more similar, than different from the original project.*

*Ms. McSweeney moved approval of the project substitution. There were no objections.*

#### 4. Old Business

- Discussion relating to the format of future meetings (in-person, hybrid, virtual)

Ald. Murphy stated he thinks the next meeting should be in person. Ms. Morris stated there has been more participation in the PASC meetings since they have been virtual. Mr. Fraker stated traffic is bad and parking is hard, so virtual is easier. Ald. Murphy stated staff will send out a survey to members about meeting preferences.

- Discussion relating to the 2021 Awards Celebration

Ms. Svetic stated the Marcus Center is available on September 14th. Ms. Heding suggested asking the awardees what their preference is.

- Discussion relating to the use of ARPA Funds for Art

Ald. Murphy stated there is no money set aside for art in the Mayor's proposed ARPA plan. He added that people should reach out the Mayor and express their desire to have funding for arts.

- Discussion relating to re-envisioning 2022 grant cycle

Ald. Murphy stated future grants should return to being project based because people want to see the projects in the community.. Ms. Morris stated that the merits may not all be the same for each project. Mr. Heding stated the awards should respond to the needs of the community. Ald. Kovac stated there may be a hybrid approach such as funding organizations that are doing art in the city.

Mr. Flores stated it is worth investigating a change

Mr. Murphy stated this is an opportunity to examine the process going forward

Ms. Kosarzyski stated the Board should explore change and support artists

Mr. Fraker stated now is the time for change and the old method was burdensome

Ms. Klose stated she agrees that a hybrid sounds interesting and worth exploring

Ms. Heding stated she agrees that equity is important and there should be a survey to grantees.

Ms. Phillips stated she agrees with the other comments

Mr. Tovar stated he doesn't have an opinion either way

Ms. McSweeney stated she agrees that the process should be revisited

Diane & David & April to join Polly in creating a proposal for a change for the October meeting.

## 5. New Business

There was no new business.

## 6. Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

Molly Kuether-Steele

Staff Assistant