



City of Milwaukee

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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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Tuesday, November 9, 2021

4:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting convened at 4:06 pm

Individuals also present:

Terri Grote - DCD

Sally Svetic - DCD

1. Roll Call

Present 13 - Murphy, DeLind, McSweeney, Morris, Flores, Fraker, Kosarzycki, Murphy, Kovac, Klose, Layden, Heding and Tovar

Absent 4 - Hill, Garcia, Phillips and Souffrant

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Ald. Kovac moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Mr. Flores. There were no objections.

3. Public Art Subcommittee Report

Two recommendations were made by Ms. Morris

1. The Conservation Application needs to be updated (date change) the link will remain the same and the press release will go out in January 2022. Also encouraged members of the Arts board to spread the word. Ms. Morris moved approval, seconded by Ms. Klose. There were no objections.

2. New Work Fund Grant outstanding (2020 -2021 Sculpture Milwaukee) recommended to terminate the grant and encourage Sculpture Milwaukee to re apply in the future.

Ald. Murphy moved approval, seconded by Ald. Kovac. There were no objections.

4. Grants Report

-Discussion related to the survey responses:

Ms. Svetic said that they all received the responses to the survey and they coincide that the grants have been very helpful to the organizations (to sustain and operate as well). The only answer that differs from the sustaining grant is that did not allow larger grants but added that is the response that you get when funding is equally versus grant based on merits. Added that herself and Terry are on the call to answer any questions.

Ald. Murphy said that grants amounts going forward are going to be a less significant.

Ald. Murphy said that if the Art board chooses to do the sustaining grant based on the survey findings recommends a communication file be introduced to inform the Common Council.

Mrs. Morris said that the parameters will be discussed between a small sustaining grant and a large project grant.

Ald. Murphy said that he is interested on how the proposal will look like.

Mr. Morris said that the subcommittee have talked and will make a comparison chart to be discussed and will bring it back in front of the committee.

Ms. Svetic read a document that was distributed before the meeting regarding the main 3 points in considerations for the grant making.

Mr. Morris added that they want to do a report to the Common Council to inform what has been done at district level and putting sustaining grants in a 2 tier system as the projects grants and that grants could not amount 50% of the organization's budget.

Mr. Murphy asked Mrs. Morris to put all these points in writing prior the next meeting to be considered.

Motion made by Mr. Tovar, seconded by Mr. Flores. There were no objections.

5. Old Business

-Ms. Svetic said that all of the final reports have been submitted except for the one from The Walker's Point Center for the Arts.

-Mrs. Morris asked Ald. Murphy about any finalization of the ARPA funds.

Ald. Murphy said that it is estimated that on March or April next year and that a further discussion is needed for that.

5. New Business

-No new business.

6. Announcements

-Ald. Murphy said that there are a couple of new exhibits at the Milwaukee Art Museum encouraging people to take a look to those.

-Mr. Flores said that he is opening a production "Little Shop of Horrors" next week at the Skylight Music Theater "which is a fun show" he added.

-Ald. Murphy said that her daughter is doing a stage production "Freaky Friday" at Divine Savior Holly Angels and that she is very excited about the show.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm

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