

MACOMB COUNTY ART AUTHORITY
MINUTES
September 1, 2020

At a virtual meeting of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held on Tuesday, September 1 at 4:00 pm, the following members were present:

Members Present:

Jennifer Callans
Jennifer Miller
Ed Bruley
Rodney Tolbert
William Wood
Phil Gilchrist

Others Present:

Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President & CEO, DIA
Christine Kloostra, Exec. Director Marketing & Communications, DIA
Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA
Donald Ritzenhein, Macomb County Rep. to the DIA Board of Directors
Lillian Demas, Macomb County Rep. to the DIA Board of Directors
David Flynn, Executive Director DIA
Judith Dolkart, Deputy Director for Art, Education and Programming
Eugene Gargaro, DIA Board Chair
Jason Gillespie, Director of Educational Programming
Pam Lavers, Director of Public and Community Affairs
Stephen Panton-Member of the Public
Victoria Marchione, Administrative Secretary, Macomb County

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion made to adopt agenda by Rodney Tolbert, supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public, participation declined.

AUDIT FINDINGS

DIA presented the audit in April. Julie reviewed the draft and noted that there was one change of \$53 misclassified mileage to Brighton MI. Motion to note error and make changes made by Rodney Tolbert, supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIES

ART AUTHORITY MEMBER TERMS

Update that William Wood was appointed for another 2 year term.

PRESENTATION BY PLANTE MORAN OF ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT-Y/E NOVEMBER 30, 2019

Representation was not present, will move this to the next agenda.

RECEIVE AND FILE – MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

Motion to receive and file made by Phil Gilchrist, supported by William Wood.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Opened to the public at 4:25 pm, no comment – closed at 4:25 pm

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION 2020-1

Motion to adopt as presented made by Rodney Tolbert, supported by William Wood.

Discussion regarding initial conversation regarding agreement and services provided. Portions of the agreement could not be honored due to the pandemic. The budget needs to be changed or the agreement needs to be changed because there is a conflict.

Dave Flynn indicated the service agreement will be amended before the end of the year. The authority needs to nominate individuals to attend meetings with the DIA on the service agreement issues and needs. Jennifer Miller and Rodney Tolbert will represent the Authority. Ed Bruley will be included on invites and attend when available. Other Authorities will be informed of Macomb County Representation.

Motion to table the Resolution 2020-1 until these meetings regarding a new agreement are held. Motion to table made by Jennifer Miller; supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN L-4029

Suggested to table with the Proposed Budget Resolution. Will need to find out the date when this signed document is needed to be returned to the County. Motion to table made by Jennifer Miller, supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE LEGAL NEWS INVOICE FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SERVICES

No action taken on the approval of the invoice until next meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Two changes were made and reviewed. Motion to accept including change noting attendance records as documentation made by Ed Bruley, supported by Jennifer Miller. MOTION CARRIES

PRESENTATION BY THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Julie McFarland presented the Half Year Meeting including Senior, Virtual and Community Partnership Programs. Intro to Jason Gillespie, Director of Educational Programming, with a review of educational programs. Salvador provided a museum update. Visitation is at about 20%, and feedback is positive. Day of the Dead will be celebrated. It is especially important to celebrate the life of those who passed this year. Many families of communities have lost members. The event will be celebrated live in the museum and virtually. Continuing focus on virtual visits. The DIA has received a very substantial gift of a collection of a thousand objects of contemporary art for the community to enjoy. Update from Gene on the ongoing investigation.

POTENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT TO REFLECT DIFFERENT EXPENSE GOALS DUE TO PANDEMIC

Members discussed any priorities for Jennifer, Rodney and Ed to take to the DIA that will make it as productive as possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gene updated on news from the Governance and Nominating Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday, August 26. Judith Pritchett, Eugene Lovell and Nancy Mitchell indicated their interest, availability and what they can bring to the board. The committee voted to put Judy and Nancy on recommended ballot for the November vote. Eugene was contacted to be involved in a committee of his choice.

Next meeting(s) have been scheduled for October 6 and October 27.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:00 pm made by Rodney Tolbert, supported by Jennifer Miller. MOTION CARRIES

