

MACOMB COUNTY ART AUTHORITY
MINUTES
May 25, 2021

At a virtual meeting of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 4:00 pm, the following members were present:

Members Present:

Phil Gilchrist
Jennifer Miller
Ed Bruley
William Wood
Rodney Tolbert

Others Present:

Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President & CEO, DIA
Eugene Gargaro, DIA Board Chair
Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA
David Flynn, Executive Director DIA
Christine Kloostra, Exec. Director Marketing & Communications, DIA
Ian Rapnicki, MC Community Engagement Manager
Judith Dolkart, Deputy Director for Art, Education and Programming
Lillian Demas, Macomb County Rep. to the DIA Board of Directors
Robert Bowen, CFO-DIA
Charles Garling, Director of Studio Programs

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum of the Authority present, the meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting with typo corrections made by William Wood, supported by Rodney Tolbert. MOTION CARRIES

BYLAW

Motion to accept bylaws moved by Ed Bruley. Bylaws were reviewed by Jennifer Miller, indicating it is a living document that can be changed at any time. Outlined roles, responsibilities, indicating we are a non-profit organization, purpose we are formed. All new members will receive a copy of these bylaws and they will be added to the County website. A treasurer needs to be appointed. The Authority has never had one. A "friendly" amendment was made to appointment process and will be attached to the bylaws. Motion to approve bylaws as amended made by Phil Gilchrist, supported by Ed Bruley. MOTION CARRIES

City/Township Mural Protocols

Ed Bruley updated. Intro to Charlie Garling who spoke regarding this project. Working with Phil and Ed to make sure communities we partner with are selected in fair, consistent and open way. Few notable recommendations were made. The definition of mural was changed to read "creation of mural or similar work of art" reason for this is to insure that options are open to different types of art. Updated language to account for the two Macomb county communities we currently are in partner with, Utica and Macomb Township. Set a date for optimal time to received applications from the communities to ensure we have lead time to carry out projects. Talked about going thru process annually. Also set expectation that these projects can be enjoyed by the community for 10 years without removal. Reviewed the Macomb County Public Art Application which is designed to be a vehicle for cities and townships requesting to collaborate with the DIA. Cities and townships are not required to pass a resolution before an art project can move forward. Charlie indicates a resolution can be part of this process. Salvadore agrees the resolution is a good idea. His question, in the case a township is unable to issue a resolution and the project is stopped, is the DIA accountable? The new Service Agreement will have to outline this project, to indicate

that if a township or city is unable to pass a resolution, the DIA is held harmless from its obligation. Ed indicates the resolution as well as the 10 year commitment be a part of the application process. Jennifer suggests to submit Charles updated docs and review. Send revised copy of protocols for a full vote and move forward. Motion moved by Ed Bruley, supported by Rodney Tolbert to table protocols until a revised copy is submitted to all members for a vote. MOTION CARRIES

UPDATE ON 2020 SERVICE AGREEMENT

Julie reviewed revised Service Agreement taking input from our last meeting. Reviewed allocations through a more strict interpretation of the Service Agreement. Motion to accept update on 2020 S.A moved by Ed Bruley supported by Phil Gilchrist. Motion Carries

Other Business

Jennifer Miller is now able to attend board meetings. She will email authority members when these meetings are scheduled.

Lillian discussed recent education committee meeting, very good turnout. Variety of programs available to districts. In the process of hiring a new Vice President for the committee.

Ed asked what process for new SA agreement is. When does it expire and request enough time to have discussion as to what it should be. Would like an outlining plan to come up with second service agreement opening up to tax payers for their input. New S.A. will commence January 2023. Jennifer thinks developing a timeline is necessary. Asking Ed to take the lead for the authority with a DIA appointee to develop this timeline.

Dave Flynn indicates it's his last meeting with the Authority

Continuing to research process appointing DIA Board Member.

Next meeting:

September 14, 2021 pm at 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:17 pm made by Rodney Tolbert, supported by Phil Gilchrist. MOTION CARRIES