



MADISON


Indiana
Economic and Redevelopment

Madison Public Arts Commission
December 12, 2023 @ 3:30 pm
Minutes

- Call to order at 3:30 by Chair, Kim Nyberg. Other members include Eric Phagan and David Terrell. Greg Goodknight and Tracy Wyne were absent.
- Others attending include the Economic Development Director, Tony Steinhardt, Associate Director, Emily McKinney, consultant, Sara Peterson, and Mayor Courtney.
- Claims Approval: Nyberg asked for a motion to approve the two claims. Terrell motioned, seconded by Phagan. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
- Old Business:
 - Selection of Artist for Gateway
 - Steinhardt presented the qualifications of the artists' submissions and listed those on the selection committee. The search was narrowed down to three candidates, and they visited Madison during the summer.
 - The selection committee was composed of eight members: Tony Steinhardt, Emily McKinney, Kim Nyberg, Bill Barnes, Greg Goodknight, John Jackson, Rick Lostutter, and Bob Courtney.
 - Steinhardt made the recommendation to the Commission from the selection committee to approve River's Edge by Precious Design Studios. This piece by Beverly Stucker Precious will focus on welcoming people to the state of Indiana and being a beacon to drive by traffic. The sculpture will be internally lit, which will showcase its detail.
 - Phagan asked about the height of the sculpture without the pedestal. The sculpture is 16 feet without the existing pedestal at the Gateway.
 - Steinhardt and Nyberg spoke with Precious about the scale of the sculpture, and she believes that the current scale of the sculpture will fit nicely on the existing pedestal.
 - Steinhardt also spoke with John Jackson, the designer of the Gateway, and he believes that the scale of the sculpture will be appropriate.
 - Nyberg stated that Stucker is an Indiana artist, and her sculpture will lift our level of public art just like Dale Rogers.

- Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve the contract and authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the artist. Nyberg asked for a motion. Phagan motioned, seconded by Terrell. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
 - Nyberg highlighted the funding for this piece. It will be a combination of public and private funding. The redevelopment commission will fund a small portion. We will be applying for a Patronicity grant, which will require privately raised matching funds. We will also be applying for a grant from Indiana Destination Development Corporation.
 - Nyberg asked the Commission to give the City approval to move forward with the initial payment of \$50,000 for Precious Design Studios. Terrell motioned, seconded by Phagan. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
 - Public Art Guidelines
 - McKinney introduced the consultant, Sara Peterson, and detailed the Commission's past working sessions that have led to the guidelines being presented today.
 - Peterson walks the Commission through all seven sections of the document. The document was compiled from her research of other cities and working with the Commission to tailor the guidelines to Madison.
 - Mayor Courtney asked how the Commission would be regulating murals within the community? Peterson stated that the Commission would like to encourage good murals versus regulating taste.
 - Mayor Courtney asked if there will be a permitting process implemented for proposed public art? Peterson stated that the Commission did not land on a process because they are focused on laying the groundwork instead of diving in too deep.
 - The next steps for the Commission after approval of the guidelines will be creating a public art inventory and a master plan.
 - Terrell asked about the approval process for the guidelines. The draft of the guidelines has been posted on the city's website, so the public comment period is open between now and January 4, 2024.
- New Business
 - Art Marker Signs
 - These signs will be placed next to existing art pieces in the community. They will be 8" by 8" by 1" and will explain the piece and the artist and contain a QR code.
 - Phagan stated that these signs will be more pedestrian friendly and easier to read when walking.

- Initially, the Commission will be placing 10 signs. MAAA received a grant and can allocate \$800 towards the art markers. The total for the 10 signs would not exceed \$6,640.
- Nyberg asks for a motion to approve the purchase of 10 art marker signs. Terrell motioned, seconded by Phagan. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
- Public Art Archive
 - Nyberg asked to table this until the next meeting to allow more information to be presented to the Commission.
- Motion to adjourn by Nyberg, seconded by Terrell. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).
- The next MPAC meeting is January 4, 2024, at 3:30.



Kim Nyberg, Chair