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Madison Public Arts Commission

August 7, 2025 @ 3:30 pm

Minutes

- Call to order at 3:35 by Greg Goodknight. Other members present include Eric Phagan, Tracy Wyne, Cara Fox, and David Terrell.
- Others attending include Associate Economic Development Director, Emily McKinney and Kim Nyberg, Executive Director of the Madison Area Arts Alliance.
- Approval of Minutes: Goodknight asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 1, 2025. Terrell motioned, seconded by Wyne. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).
- Claims Approval: There was one claim to be approved from Public Art Archive, which is the collection management system the Commission uses to catalogue Madison's public art. Goodknight asked for a motion to approve the claim. Fox motioned, seconded by Wyne. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).
- Old Business:
 - Relocation of the Ties that Bind
 - McKinney explained that the city is wanting to relocate the sculpture that is currently located at Lytle Park and move it to the trailhead of the Madison-Hanover Connector Trail. She stated that they would work with the artist to make sure the sculpture can be moved properly and placed in the best location possible. The city believes that the sculpture will serve a higher purpose at the trailhead and be better rooted in Madison's railroad history. Goodknight asked if the sculpture would still look the same as it does now. Phagan helped describe how the structural component of the sculpture was constructed. Goodknight asked about the upcoming groundbreaking for the Trail that will be August 14th at 11 am in the trailhead parking lot. Terrell motioned to approve the relocation of the Ties that Bind, seconded by Wyne. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).
- New Business:
 - ARTsy Cart Tours

- Nyberg detailed to the Commission the creation of an ARTsy golf cart tour that is a partnership between Acree Alley Golf Carts, the Madison Area Arts Alliance, and the Jefferson County Board of Tourism. This is a guided tour that takes visitors all around Madison's public art. Goodknight asked when the program is kicking off. Nyberg stated that they are trying to let the weather cool off a little, but they have been training guides and hope to start next week. A tour is 25 dollars for roughly 45 minutes to an hour. Fox asked how people can book the tour. Nyberg stated that you can text 'golf cart' to a phone number, and it will let you know the hours that are available. Fox asked how many people can fit on the cart. Four total passengers can fit in the golf cart with one spot being reserved for the guide. Donations and tips go to the Madison Area Arts Alliance and are greatly appreciated.
- Creation of a Mural Grant Program
 - McKinney highlighted that the Commission appreciates building and property owners taking pride in their properties and investing in public art. The Commission recognizes that it is still fairly new but does want to remind the public that they are here to help. A mural grant program was originally discussed with our consultant when the Commission was working through the guidelines. Goodknight asked what the process is for someone to inquire about a mural. McKinney stated that the Public Arts Commission does have a page on the city's website that contains all of their information and her contact information. It will depend on whether someone is the artist, building owner, business owner, etc., but if they contact McKinney, she will walk you through the process and connect you with the Arts Alliance.
- Goodknight asked for a motion to adjourn. Terrell motioned, seconded by Phagan. All in favor, motion carried (5-0).
- The next MPAC meeting is Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 3:30 pm.

Tracy Wyne, Secretary