



Milwaukie Arts Committee, 10722 SE Main Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Chair: Rebecca Banyas

Vice-Chair: Maitri Dirmeyer

Secretary: Lars Campbell

Treasurer: Kara Busick

Members: Andrea Adams; Chris Haberman; Denise Emerling-Baker

Staff Liaison: Mitch Nieman

**artMOB Draft Minutes**  
**January 13, 2016 | Meeting Start Time: 5:35 p.m.**

Present: artMOB members Andrea Adams, Lars Campbell, Rebecca Banyas, Maitri Dirmeyer, Denise Emerling-Baker, Chris Haberman; and staff liaison Mitch Nieman

Absent: Kara Busick

Guests: Hamid Bennett, Val Hubbard

Minutes Approval: After introductions, Dirmeyer moved to approve minutes from the October 2015 meeting. Baker seconded the motion, and the committee approved the minutes unanimously.

Member Term Limits and Renewal Policy: Mitch Nieman updated the Committee on the new process for reappointing existing Committee Members to a serve a new term. The process involves bypassing the interview requirement for Members who are not termed-out and are in good standing with the staff liaison and committee chair.

Nieman polled Campbell, Baker, and Haberman to ask if all were interested in serving another term. All expressed interest and Nieman informed them that he would be taking their information to City Council for formal reappointment on March 15, 2016. Also, Nieman asked Committee Members if they knew if Committee Member Busick was interested in serving an additional term. Committee Member Baker said that she wasn't 100% sure if Busick wanted to continue. Banyas informed the Committee that she would reach out to Busick to get official confirmation. Further, Banyas reported that she did not receive a call or e-mail from Busick stating that Busick planned to be absent for the January 2016 (subject) meeting. Baker announced that she received correspondence from Busick stating that she would not be able to attend.

Nieman informed the group that he would advertise for an open position in the February edition of the Pilot, so his staff and Council are prepared to recruit a new member should Busick choose to step down.

Clackamas County Grant: Banyas reported that the City received a \$750 grant from the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition to build a sculpture plinth. She reported that this amount represented only half of the Committee's request of \$1,500. The Committee voted to accept the

grant in anticipation of finding outside funding to pay for the rotating artists' fee to display on the plinth.

Member Networking Update: No updates were provided.

City Hall Lobby Series: Adams announced that Milwaukie artist, Nanette Wallace, would be displaying in the City Hall Lobby during February and through the first half of March. A reception was being planned for February 2.

artMOB Strategic Plan: The committee discussed individual progress made in the strategic plan.

Public Comment: Guest Hamid Bennett offered his assistance to write grants for artMOB on an ad hoc basis. Chair Banyas asked Dirmeyer to work with Bennett to identify and prioritize potential grant opportunities.

Member News: Members discussed sticking to a 1.5 hour meeting time versus a one hour meeting time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.