MACOMB COUNTY ART AUTHORITY
MINUTES
November 25, 2019

At a meeting/workshop of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the Macomb County Administration Building, OCE Media Room, 8th Floor, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Members Present:          Others Present:
Jennifer Callans          Salvador Salort-Pons, Director, President & CEO, DIA
Jennifer Miller           Christine Kloostra, Exec. Director Marketing & Communications, DIA
Ed Bruley                 Julie McFarland, Public Affairs Officer, DIA
Rodney Tolbert            Lillian Demas, Macomb County Rep. to the DIA Board of Directors
William Wood              Teri Johns, Exec. Director of Learning & Audience Engagement, DIA
Rob Bowen, CFO/EVP Finance & Operations at Detroit Institute of Arts
Gene Gargaro, DIA Board Chair (via phone)
Phil Gilchrist, Executive Director Anton Art Center

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 made to adopt agenda by William Wood, supported by Jennifer Miller. MOTION CARRIES

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP
Authority Chair, Jennifer Callans explained the purpose of the workshop.

PRESENTATION BY THE DIA STAFF REGARDING THE MILLAGE REQUEST
Julie McFarland and Salvador Salort-Pons presented an overview of the DIA’s engagement with Macomb County as a result of the millage.

QUESTIONS FROM AUTHORITY MEMBERS
- Poll data – complete data is pending
- So-called “tie-bar”, the DIA had written a response indicating that should a millage renewal pass in Macomb County but not in Oakland and/or Wayne Counties, Macomb County could then choose to levy the millage. This is not true according to the Macomb Authority’s articles of incorporation.
- Timing of the requested millage renewal, for March 2020 vote; noted that MISD will have a millage on that ballot.
- DIA Board meeting schedule and invitations to Authority members; noted that Authority members are to be invited to meetings in May and November.
- Potential third Amendment to the Service Agreement to ensure more engagement with Macomb County Residents
- Wages of DIA’s lowest paid employees and consideration of a minimum wage of $15/hour.

OPEN DISCUSSION
Discussion by Authority members of perhaps drafting a resolution for the upcoming meeting, addressing a desire for increased Macomb County participation across all Service Agreement metrics. Jennifer Callans will draft something.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Phil Gilchrist share the Anton Art Center’s positive relationship with the DIA.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm