



**BOARD MEETING December 20, 2016 – Venue: Independence Library**

**Board Members, Committee Members, and Advisors in attendance:** Dean Brodhag, Matt Chambers, Richard Darlington, Nancy DeVries, Nichelle Hamilton, Kathy Hill, John Lincoln, Jack Miller, Rachel Moyer, LaJuan Pringle, James Scanlon, Marc Seelinger

**Away:** Leigh Black, Crystal Chappell, Chris Cudabac, Robin Cluse Freeman, Nancy DeVries, Roy Goode, Kathryn Heinen, Mary Hopper, Ben Hutchins, Erin Lapham, Meghan Manges, Felton Martin, Brian Moyer, Akin Odulate, Anna Ruth, Leslie Scott, Josh Starnes, Mac Summers, Judi Wilson-Burkes

**Guests in attendance:** Matt Long, Sherrie McLamb

<p><b>Welcome, Introductions, Organizational Procedures</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Kathy Hill called the meeting to order at 6:05PM. Initially there were eight board members in attendance, but a quorum was reached when Dean Broadhag arrived to make the number nine.</li> <li>• Matt Long and Sherrie McLamb introduced themselves to the group.</li> <li>• On motion made, seconded, and carried, the board approved the previously distributed minutes of the meeting of the board held on November 16, 2016.</li> <li>• Kathy proposed that Matt Chambers take over as Communications Committee Chair; the motion passed.</li> <li>• Kathy noted that eight MoRA volunteers attended a tour of the Hendrick facility on December 15.</li> <li>• Kathy brought up the Conflict of Interest Policy, a draft of which was previously distributed by email to the board. The policy was created to fill a gap that an attorney at the governance workshop had pointed out. The motion to approve was made, seconded, and carried.</li> <li>• Kathy also distributed a license agreement from GDC for the use of the Art at the Point space.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marc Seelinger expressed concerns about MoRA’s liability in the event of an accident or lawsuit and pointed out that MoRA’s rate could be raised or the policy cancelled. He also asked for further clarification about the provision that GDC be listed as an additional insured; Dick Darlington agreed to call the insurance agent to clarify.</li> <li>○ Rachel Moyer expressed concern that the wording of item 3.iii. would give GDC leeway to relocate or take down the sculpture at their discretion. Kathy expressed that this provision mainly applied to the possibility of needing to move the sculpture in the event of utility work or if a large tenant needed the space.</li> <li>○ Kathy proposed tabling the discussion for the moment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kathy brought up the matter of Leslie Scott’s contract with MoRA for Art at the Point.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kathy informed the group that \$10,500 in sponsorships and donations had been</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>secured toward the \$26,048 cost of the project. (Later, on December 22, Kathy announced that MoRA had secured a \$10,000 grant from the Arts &amp; Science Council as well.) The money for the project will go into a separate savings account.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The group reviewed the proposed contract and brought up a few questions. Jack Miller asked whether the incorporation of the artist credit line was subject to client approval. James Scanlon requested clarification regarding the materials used for the sculpture. John Lincoln requested information regarding who is responsible for making repairs, and whether there is any warranty.</li> <li>○ The matter of Leslie’s contract was put to a vote by email. A few changes were made, and the motion passed with ten members’ approval; five members abstained.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dick Darlington gave the Treasurer’s Report. MoRA has \$1067.83 in its checking account and \$4108.89 in its savings account. Next month there will be a separate art project savings account.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Communications Committee Report</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee Chair Matt Chambers updated the board about the Communications Committee.</li> <li>● Matt Chambers mentioned that MoRA’s Facebook has been receiving some interaction about pedestrian safety awareness. Jack Miller proposed reaching out to Sustain Charlotte to see how they might be able to assist.</li> <li>● Matt suggested putting together a marketing packet about the MoRA area for prospective grocers or other vendors.</li> <li>● Matt mentioned that Oakhurst Squares, the mixed-use development north of MoRA (by Oakhurst Elementary) is looking to court a grocery store.</li> <li>● The MoRA Facebook page now has over 700 likes.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Arts, Culture &amp; Education Committee Report</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee Chair John Lincoln updated the board about the Arts, Culture &amp; Education Committee.</li> <li>● John touted the tree lighting event as a success, attracting 357 attendees this year.</li> <li>● Dick Darlington made the suggestion that if MoRA volunteers want to make in kind donations, to please write MoRA a check and itemize so that donations can be kept track of.</li> <li>● Ground-breaking on Art at the Point will take place on January 10, 2017 at 2:00pm. Volunteers will be needed to help out and staff the MoRA table. The event will be tented and will take place rain or shine.</li> <li>● Sherrie McLamb will be taking on the role of Art at the Point Coordinator. She will create a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the community workshops. At least one board member will be needed at each workshop, preferably with one volunteer per eight participants.</li> <li>● On March 18, 2017 Leslie Scott will be dedicating an art project in Hickory; MoRA may organize a group to go see it</li> <li>● John stated that board members are being asked to raise \$2000 each for Art at the Point. Kathy shared a sample letter to send to friends requesting donations. Sherrie suggested that some people may want to make donations in honor or in memory of someone.</li> </ul>

<b>Government Committee Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Scanlon reported that the planning subcommittee met the previous week on the redevelopment at Idlewild and Monroe by the Selwyn Group. They are looking for a grocery anchor and plan to have fast food and a gas station. The ramping up of the CATS Silver Line may hinder the development by limiting the usable land. December 20 was the deadline for a new site plan submission.</li> <li>• The development is looking like a suburban mix with retail and offices. The subcommittee will make recommendations to the developers regarding use; James expressed concern that the current plan may not meet the expectations of the community. James showed uncertainty regarding the approval of the plan by the city, and the possibility of a withdrawal of the plan. Kathy suggested holding a community meeting to solicit input about the development.</li> </ul>

<b>Next meeting</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual board retreat on Saturday, January 21 from 1:00PM-6:30PM. Location TBD.</li> </ul>

<b>Adjournment</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.</li> </ul>

**Minutes by:** Rachel Moyer, Secretary