



**Arts and Recreation Committee Agenda**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2012**  
**6:00pm-6:55pm**  
Mid City West Community Council  
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Wednesday, January 4, 2012

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1. **Call to Order and Committee Roll Call** – Happy New Year!
2. **Public Comments and Requests** - Stakeholders
2. **Continuation of discussion** - Committee recommendation to remove the term “Recreation” from the Title of Arts and Recreation committee in order to create an independent Arts Committee and to be formed, Recreation Committee. (Please refer to the attached e-mail correspondence sent to Jeff J., after our last committee meeting held in December, as well as additional comments sent by Tim Deegan.)
3. **Arts District Update** – David Mann
4. **Miracle Mile Art Walk 2012** - Shawni D.
5. **Committee Business** - Comment from Committee members on subject matters within the Board’s jurisdiction.
6. **Adjourn** – Thank you!

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**Tue, Dec 6, 2011 – Jeff J.**

Under the Mid City West bylaws, matters normally are heard by a committee before going to the full Board. (The exception is generally when there is some deadline for action that precludes this action).

In this case, I'd suggest that the question of whether to split Arts & Recreation into two committees should first be heard by the Arts & Rec Committee and, if there is support, by the Executive Committee, which traditionally makes recommendations about committees to the Board. My only concern is whether anyone is interested in chairing and/or serving on that committee. This isn't meant to express any opinion about your suggestions, but merely to suggest a process.

**Tues. Dec. 6, 2011 – Shawni D.**

Thank you, I appreciate your response. I was wondering how we as a committee go about furthering the discussion with the board, and taking it to a vote (regarding separating Arts from Recreation.)

We did discuss both items tonight, and voted on creating an independent Recreation committee and the votes are:

3 in favor  
1 opposed  
1 abstention

Prior to voting it was disclosed that the additional title of Recreation was casually discussed by committee and added 2 years ago when the committee was chaired by Rebecca. This is according to those in attendance who have served on this committee longer than I have.

If you would like, I can draft an e-mail of what else was discussed. Thank you also for clarifying the committee process, I did not know. I appreciate the suggestion, have a great week!

**December 29, 2011 – From Tim Deegan** (in response to NYE invitation, included below)

Hi Shawni, this is good news – good work advocating for MCW and getting us some privilege. It's slightly unclear though - do you mean to say \*MCW board members are invited to the event as guests of Jason, or that they can attend and pay regular admission? Both statements were made. There's a sold out VIP ticket level,,,is that what he means by saying general admission which is the remaining tickets? Thanks for clarifying.

This is a good start to 2012. In his spirit of generosity, will Muse be giving us funding for Art Walk in 2012? It's been a while since they were our partners. Or, do we change tactics and scale back to focus on Muse Art walk as collaboration next year, and skip the rest? Thanks for the follow through on that and cultivating him in either scenario.

Any partnership with the museum, or the galleries you are tied into, will be meaningful to support the arts program next year. I'm all for having just an Arts committee free of their recreation mandate that was the committee's qualified request. But, will it do some work bringing in funding, possibly in collaboration with the Friends of Mid City West support group? And, will the arts committee work with the education committee to bring art to the schools in the MCW district as a priority?

Art Walk, itself, isn't enough for the MCW arts program when we have so many creative resources in MCW area, and so many kids in the several schools we cover that are not getting any art education. Connecting those two constituencies is something for the arts committee and education committee to seriously work on if we can all agree the greater good is where we want our efforts to be. Please think about it.

**December 29, 2011 – From Shawni D.**

Sorry for any misunderstanding. Jason and I have a good working relationship and he is grateful for support given by the Arts committee over this past year.

This is one way he is able to say thank you to all those on the committee as well as the board. To clarify, all MCWCC Board members are invited as a guest of LACMA's Muse Program on behalf of Jason. I spoke with him earlier, and he included each board member who rsvp's to me can include a +1.

I will send this list to him in the morning. The name of the +1 is not required.

All guests in addition to the MCWCC Board member, and their +1 (total of 2) are to pay and can purchase tickets at this link: <http://www.lacma.org/event/muse-new-years-eve-2011> - per what is posted on this link, there are no ticket sales at the door.

Regarding business you are addressing in the rest of the e-mail, that will be addressed by the Arts committee at our next meeting, and throughout the rest of the year in the appropriate setting. Also, to clarify, we partnered with Muse earlier this year in May for their annual art walk, and MCW and Friends of Mid City West are two separate entities.

\*(In Reference to above)

Hi everybody, Jason Gaulton, Muse Coordinator at LACMA, has extended an invitation to the MCWCC Board to attend the inaugural NYE's party, as their guest (regular admission) at the Park Plaza Hotel. <http://www.lacma.org/event/muse-new-years-eve-2011>

For those interested, please send me your names by tomorrow morning, and I will forward to Jason. Have a nice day!