



October 12, 2022

Maddison Smith VIA EMAIL:  
McGarren Flack VIA EMAIL:




Hello Maddison and McGarren,

On behalf of the St. George Art Museum and the City of St. George, please accept our apologies for the confusion concerning Maddison's artwork exhibit at the extension gallery at the Electric Theater Center. City staff met this morning to discuss the situation that occurred this past Monday, and the background leading up to it. Our understanding is that a City employee (who is no longer employed with the City as of this past Monday morning) had made informal arrangements with Maddison for the exhibition, contrary to City practices. These practices include a written agreement specifying the terms of use of City property, insurance requirements, and legal review. Further, the agreement must be signed by City personnel having the authority to enter into agreements on behalf of the City. None of these requirements were followed.

As I believe you are aware, the exhibition came to the attention of City staff during an unrelated event taking place at the Electric Theater Center late Monday afternoon, and it later became apparent that the exhibition had never been approved by the City. Further, the extension gallery space where the exhibition was displayed had not yet been approved for public use. Accordingly, Maddison's artwork will need to be removed as the extension gallery will be closed until the City has completed its plan and process for utilizing the space. This applies to any individual or entity seeking to use the extension gallery.

We understand how disappointing this must be. However, this afternoon I spoke with Kat, the owner of Modern Farm and Artisan Co-op (MoFACo). She said that she has an exhibit space and can accommodate your whole show if you can move your reception to next Saturday, October 22, 2022. Kat is also willing to display your art for one month to help you meet your full requirement for your senior project. I think this is a wonderful solution to an unfortunate situation, and hope this works for you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding concerning this matter. Please feel free to reach out to Kat at  if you wish to discuss Kat's offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Graves".

Michelle Graves  
Deputy Director of Arts and Events