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### **Search for Art Museum Director Continues**

The City of Springfield, in coordination with the Art Museum Search Committee, interviewed three finalists for the position of Director of the Springfield Art Museum on Friday, October 21, 2011. In addition to the interview process, the candidates met with the City of Springfield's Leadership Team, the City Manager, and participated in a meet-and-greet session with the public.

The selection committee, consisting of the Art Museum Board plus Springfield Regional Arts Council Executive Director Leah Jenkins; longtime local arts advocate Rob Baird; Assistant City Manager Collin Quigley; and Human Resources Director Sheila Maerz, met Monday, October 24, 2011 to discuss the three finalists and the feedback from the City Manager, Leadership Team, Art Museum staff and the community.

The selection committee had numerous positive comments regarding the background and experience of the finalists, but failed to reach consensus that one candidate possessed the right combination of education, experience, vision, and collaboration skills necessary to be the next Director of the Springfield Art Museum.

Additional information regarding the next phase of the process will be provided when available.

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