

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, January 5th, 2006 – 10:30 pm

Pompano Beach Civic Center – West Banquet Room

PRESENT: (1st Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p1, a0); Margaret Armand (p1,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p1,a0); Michael Bassichis (p1,a0); Darran Blake (p1,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p1,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p1,a0); Georgette Sosa Douglass (p1,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p1,a0); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p1,a0); Teresa Hall (p1,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p1,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p1,a0); Vice-Mayor Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco (p1,a0); Lee Weintraub (p1,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p1,a0); Elayne Weisburd (p1,a0); Benjamin Williams (p1,a0); Pamela Wilson (p1,a0)

ABSENT: Roslyn Kurland (p1,a0); Jack Latona (p1,a0)

GUESTS: David Bernstein, Public Theatre

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Steve Glassman, Arts Management Specialist III; Jody Home-Leshinsky, Marketing Development Manager; Ricardo Zulueta, Public Art & Design Administrator; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Belkis Ferro, Arts Assistant; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary

Chair Anthony Abbate called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 10:44 a.m.

Chair Anthony Abbate welcomed Patrick Flynn, as a new member of Broward Cultural Council (BCC). Patrick Flynn is the chair of the Cultural Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve the minutes of December 1st, 2005. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve Items 10 and 11 (Addendum A and B), on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of an additional thirty-day (30-day) extension for submission of annual certified financial audit for the Public Theatre of South Florida, Inc. (GOP21-2005).

Approval of Grant Guideline for the Special One-Time Challenge Grant Resolution.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Rose Marie Cossick requested pulling Item 4 from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve Items 1,2,3,5,6,7,8 and 9 on the consent agenda as follows:

2006 Cultural Council Goals contingent upon public input at the January 5, 2006 planning forum

Waiver for the late submission of the Project Report with the grant project from the following organizations, due to Hurricane Wilma: Maximum Dance Company, ArtServe Inc. and ArsFlores Inc., Public Theatre of South Florida, Inc. and City of Tamarac, FL.

Additional thirty-day (30) (total 60-day) extension for submission of annual audit extension for submission of annual audit for the All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. (GOP01-2004).

John Sandell as a panelist for the Design Arts Program (design professional representative).

Grant panel for the Hurricane Wilma Challenge Grant: Anthony Abbate, Dr. Claire Crawford, Edith Gooden-Thompson, Joan Mikus, Georgette Sosa-Douglass and Pam Wilson.

Education and Community Development (ECD) Grant recommendations.

Grant Change Request for the Broward Art Guild, Inc. (GOP05-2006) to change the rate of reimbursement: From: over a period of twelve (12) months of operation, at a rate of \$1,308.33, per month; To: a over a period of eleven (11) months of operation at a rate of \$1427.27, per month. The grantee's building was damaged, thus regular business operation in December 2005 and their Winter Holiday Children's holiday workshops cannot be implemented

Final payment in the amount of \$12,165 to All Digital Printing Corporation for installation of the Bus ArtWrap II by artist Romero Britto.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 4. A motion was made by Dr. Claire Crawford, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve a *Grant change request for the Hollywood Blvd. Theatre, Inc. (GOP15-2006)*. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that Jack Latona and Anna Toms McDaniel were nominated to serve as Member at Large on the Executive Committee. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson, to *amend the bylaws and include two members at large to serve on the Executive Committee for 2006*. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson, *to elect Jack Latona and Anna Toms McDaniel to serve as council members at large on the Executive Committee for 2006.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Elayne Weisburd informed committee members of the significance of restoring the original tax ordinance and gave an updated report. Ms. Weisburd also asked council members for their support. Chair Anthony Abbate encouraged members to attend the upcoming finance committee meetings since it is an important issue and one of the BCC goals for 2006.

Chair Anthony Abbate reported that the Advocacy Breakfast and King Tut Tour went favorably and commended staff and council members. Chair Anthony Abbate asked members to sign-up for the 2006 Council Evaluation and Council Committees and announced two new Council Committees, Public Relations/Marketing and Loan Program. Chair Anthony Abbate urged members to review the 2006 BCC Handbook. Chair Anthony Abbate invited council members to attend the King Tut Exhibition immediately following the February 2, 2006 meeting. Bonnie Barnett stated that the council should have been invited to the opening of King Tut Exhibition and recommended that all BCC council members are invited to these events in the future.

Director Mary Becht reported that staff was modifying the Hurricane Wilma Challenge Grant Resolution and will extend deadline to February 28, 2006. Mary Becht gave an update on Artspace and announced that January 24th, 2006 is the closing date for challenge grants. Mary Becht congratulated council member Benjamin Williams for being elected as Chair of the Broward County School Board and commended Claire Crawford for her dedication serving as Chair for the past two years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson *to eliminate the July and August BCC Meetings on the calendar and delegate decisions to the Executive Board (unless urgent business arises).* The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniel to approve the final version of the Resolution (see attached). The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Becht informed council that artist Dan Corson will give a presentation of the proposal for the Light Project on January 23, 2006 at the Main Library Auditorium. The council will review the proposal at the February 2nd, 2006 BCC Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.