

MINUTES
BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
Thursday, February 2nd, 2006 – 12:00 pm
Governmental Center – Room 430

PRESENT: (2nd Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p2, a0); Bonnie Barnett (p2,a0); Michael Bassichis (p2,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p2,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p2,a0); Georgette Sosa Douglass (p2,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p2,a0); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p2,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p2,a0); Jack Latona (p2,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p2,a0); Vice-Mayor Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco (p2,a0); Lee Weintraub (p2,a0); Elayne Weisburd (p2,a0); Pamela Wilson (p2,a0)

ABSENT: Margaret Armand (p1,a1); Darran Blake (p1,a1); Teresa Hall (p1,a1); Estelle Loewenstein (p1,a1); Diane Weinbrum (p1,a1); Benjamin Williams (p1,a1);

GUEST(S): Joan Mikus,

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Ricardo Zulueta, Public Art & Design Administrator; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; 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 12:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve the minutes of the January 5th, 2005 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting and the 2006 Planning Forum Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that there are no grant appeals and, therefore the grant appeals workshop will not be held.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger pulled Item 3 on the consent agenda for conflict of interest and Item 5 for legal clarification. Chair Anthony Abbate pulled Item 10 for conflict of interest. Mary Becht recommended pulling Item 4 for voting conflicts.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniel to pull Items 3, 4, 5 and 10 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve Items 1,2,6,7,8,9 and 11 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Adrienne Chadwick to replace Samuel Joseph, to serve on the Arts Education Committee

Approve the grant panel's recommendations for the Cultural Diversity Program from the December 8, 2005 panel meeting, for FY2007.

Approval to waive solely for the One-time Fiscal Year 2006 Special Challenge Grant, the Council's policy of allowing up to fourteen (14) days for receipt of written appeals from grant applicants following the grant panel review meeting and to waive the requirements of a "grant appeals workshop" immediately preceding a regular monthly meeting after receipt of the written appeal, and to approve, instead, that an "oral appeal workshop" be held during the first regularly scheduled (March 2, 2006) Council meeting after the grant panel review meeting for the One-time Fiscal Year 2006 Special Challenge Grant applicants has been convened.

Approval of the light project design proposal "Mangrove Cascade" by artist Dan Corson as a movable artwork – first location to be determined upon joint agreement between the artist and Chair of the Selection Panel (Panel Chair – Lou Anne Colodny)

Approval of final payment in the amount \$1,500 to Britto Central, Inc., for "The Hug" bus art wrap design project by artist Romero Britto.

Approval to adopt the Broward Cultural Council Attendance Policy, excluding telephone attendance, to the Broward Cultural Council Executive Committee.

Approval of George Platt to serve on the Finance Committee (pending confirmation by Mr. Platt).

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniel to approve * excluding the grants for the Concert Association of South Florida (ROP03-2007), Broward County Film Society, Inc. (MC101-2007), Hollywood Art & Cultural Center, Inc. (MC102-2007), Museum of Art (MC103-2007), and The Opera Guild, Inc. (MC105-2007) Item 3, as follows: *The Grant panel's recommendations for the Regional Organization Program and Major Cultural Institution Program from the January 11, 2006 Panel meeting (Attachment A).* The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Christopher Pollock, seconded by Dr. Claire Crawford, to approve a Regional Organization Grant for Concert Association of Florida, Inc. in the amount of \$71,800. The motion was approved with 16 in favor and 1 abstention. Commissioner Gunzburger abstained from voting because she is a board member of the Concert Association of Florida.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis, to approve a Major Cultural Institutional Grant for Hollywood Art and Culture Center, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000. The motion was approved with 16 in favor and 1

abstention. Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a board member of the Hollywood Art and Culture Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Robbie Kurland, to approve a Major Cultural Institutional Grant for the Museum of Art, Inc. in the amount of \$310,000. The motion was approved with 16 in favor and 1 abstention. Anna McDaniel abstained from voting because she is a board member of the Museum of Art.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Elayne Weisburd, to approve a Major Cultural Institutional Grant for the Opera Guild, Inc. in the amount of \$310,000. The motion was approved with 16 in favor and 1 abstaining. Patrick Flynn abstained from voting because he is a member of the Florida Grand Opera Board.

A motion was made by Christopher Pollock, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve Item 4 *Major Cultural Institution designation and funding award for the Hollywood Art and Culture Center, Inc. subject to pending future designation of Hollywood Arts and Culture Center, Inc. as an Major Cultural Institution by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor and 1 abstaining. Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a member of the Hollywood Art and Cultural Board.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger questioned the legality of a non-Broward County resident serving as a grant panelist. Assistant Attorney Andrea Froome confirmed that grant panelists do not have to reside in Broward County. A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Christopher Pollock, to approve Item 5 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of Russ Bralley, John Kaufman, and Beth Ravitz to serve as grant panelists.* The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Christopher Pollock, to approve Item 10 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of Jaye Abbate to serve on the Public Relations/Marketing Committee.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor and 1 abstaining. Chair Anthony Abbate abstained from voting as Jaye Abbate is his spouse.

Director Mary Becht stated that the Challenge Grant Applications will be presented at the next BCC Meeting on March 2nd, 2006. Mary Becht reported that the applications are due on February 28, 2006 and will be reviewed by the grant panel at 10 AM on March 2, 2006. The council will receive the panel recommendations at 12 noon. Discussion followed.

Chair Anthony Abbate suggested a five minute recess to review the minutes of the January 24th, 2006 Broward County Commissioners Board Meeting on the subject of a FY05 Grants Report. An extensive discussion followed. Georgette Sosa-Douglass, Pam Wilson and Edith Gooden-Thompson requested to invite the Commissioner to the next Council Meeting. Chair Anthony Abbate recommended that we should address Vice-Mayor Eggelletion's comments and research the expanding needs of the community and possibly conduct a workshop (to include his constituents) to focus on their needs.

Chair Anthony Abbate congratulated Pam Wilson and presented an award in recognition of 8 years of service on the Broward Cultural Council Executive Committee. Chair Anthony Abbate also presented Joan Mikus with an award for serving as the Cultural Executive Committee Chair and for her time and commitment on the Broward Cultural Council and Executive Committee.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced the 30th Year Public Art and Design Kick-Off. Chair Anthony Abbate suggested that council committee chairs' prepare schedules and submit to Mary Becht within the next 10 days (February 12, 2006). Chair Anthony Abbate reminded members that they are required to sign up for grant evaluations in addition to committees.

Mary Becht reminded council that the March 2nd, 2006 BCC Meeting will be held at the Governmental Center, Room 430. Mary Becht announced that the four winners of the Cultural Consortium Fellowship Program from Broward County will show images of their artwork at the March 2nd, 2006 BCC Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.