

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, March 2nd, 2006 – 12:00 pm

Governmental Center – Room 430

PRESENT: (3rd Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p3, a0); Margaret Armand (p2,a1); Darran Blake (p2,a1); Bonnie Barnett (p3,a0); Michael Bassichis (p3,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p3,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p3,a0); Georgette Sosa Douglass (p3,a0); Patrick Flynn (p4,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p3,a0); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p3,a0); Teresa Hall (p2,a1); Roslyn Kurland (p3,a0); Jack Latona (p3,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p2,a1); Anna Toms McDaniel (p3,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p2,a1); Elayne Weisburd (p3,a0); Benjamin Williams (p2,a1); Pamela Wilson (p3,a0)

ABSENT: Christopher Pollock (p2, a1); Vice-Mayor Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco (p2,a1); Lee Weintraub (p2,a1);

GUEST(S): Terrence Comiskey, Architect and Sr. Project Manager, City of Hollywood;
Renee Jean, Grants Department, City of Hollywood;
Renee Richards, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Hollywood

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Ricardo Zulueta, Public Art & Design Administrator; Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Marketing Development Manager; Adriane Clarke, Grants Specialist; Susan Schutz, 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 12:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve the minutes of the February 2nd, 2005 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on the City of Hollywood Challenge Grant Program for the construction of a new amphitheatre. Renee Richards, a City of Hollywood Parks and Recreation representative, gave an overview of the events and programs that are planned for the site. Adriane Clark collected the committee's scores and it was determined that a passing score of 1124 was received (Attachment A).

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Robbie Kurland to approve Item 1 on the consent agenda to recommend *approval of a FY2007 Challenge Grant Program (CGPB01-2007 City of Hollywood, FL) in the amount of \$150,000*. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Abbate asked if any member would like to pull an item from the consent agenda. Patrick Flynn pulled Item 2, Diane Weinbrum pulled Item 6 and Commissioner Sue Gunzburger pulled Item 4 on the consent agenda for conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Edith Gooden Thompson, seconded by Elayne Weisburd, to approve Items 3,5,7,8 and 9 on the consent agenda as follows:

Grant panel's recommendations for the Design Arts Program DAP02-2006 - Victoria Park Civic Association, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.

Linda Houston-Jones to serve as a panelist for the General Operating Program (community representative).

Grant Change Request for the Karen Dale Wolman to transfer \$200 from two Open Mic events at Borders cancelled due to hurricanes and reallocate to supplies for writing classes (Grant Award 19,400) (ECD22-2006).

Grant Change Request for the Darby Hayes to reduce class size from seven (7) to five (5) students (ECD12-2006) and to add Parkway Middle School as a second collaborator.

Final payment in the amount of \$5,000 to the artist team of Nitin Jayaswal and Margaret Tolbert for the Weston Community Library Project, pending Contract Administrator's verification of final construction inspection.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis, to approve Item 2 on the consent agenda as follows: *Grant panel's recommendations for the Special One-Time Challenge Grant Program for FY 2006 (Attachment B).* The motion was approved with 18 in favor and 2 abstentions. Patrick Flynn abstained from voting because he is staff member of the Florida Grand Opera Board and Diane Weinbrum abstained from voting because she is a staff member of the Young at Art of Broward, Inc.

A motion was made by Dr. Claire Crawford, seconded by Edith Gooden-Thompson, *to recommend the establishment of a second deadline of 5/1/2006 for the distribution of remaining funds in the amount of \$89,100 in the Hurricane Wilma one-time Challenge Grant Program; and that the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements after approval of the Broward Cultural Council; and to remove the language regarding site acquisition and construction of new buildings in the grant guidelines for Hurricane Wilma relief due to the small amount of funding available.* The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis, to amend the above motion by adding that any remaining hurricane fund money should be rolled over to a permanent reserve for any future hurricane damage. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Robbie Kurland, to approve Item 4 on the consent agenda as follows: *a Grant Change Request for the Concert Association of Florida, Inc. (ROP02-2006). CAF will reduce the season by one event (from 16 to 15 mainstage performances), deleting the Doc Severinsen & Orchestra program due to Hurricane Wilma, and substituting Emanuel Ax for James Galway. This will increase the cost of each remaining 13 mainstage performances by an additional \$312 (from \$4,062 to \$4,375).* The motion was approved with 19 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 Pam Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, to approve Item 6 on the consent agenda as follows: *a Grant Change Request for the Young at Art Children's Museum (ECD23-2006) to correct staff error in Exhibit A of the agreement.* The motion was approved with 19 in favor and 1 abstention. Diane Weinbrum abstained from voting because she is a staff member of Young at Art of Broward, Inc.

Chair Anthony Abbate invited council members to attend a meeting with Vice Mayor Eggelletion, scheduled for April 3rd, 2006 at 3:30 pm. Chair Anthony Abbate announced the next 30 year Public Art and Design (PAD) Celebration Event will feature author Alan Marshall on the "Impact of Transportation on our Cities" on April 6th, 2006 (location TBD), followed by Jill Manton, Director of Public Art Program in San Francisco on "The Integration of Public Art and Mass Transit" on April 7th, 2006 at Signature Grand in Davie. Chair Anthony Abbate recommended that staff notify council members when locations of events have been determined.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that the next Mini-Grant Panel Review Meeting will be held on March 9th, 2006 at 3 pm in Main Library chaired by Patrick Flynn. The Cultural Tourism Panel Review Meeting will be held on March 22nd, at 3 pm in Main Library, chaired by Teresa Hall.

Director Mary Becht directed members to a letter from the Art and Cultural Center (ACC) of Hollywood. The Artspace Project has been put on hold by the City of Hollywood until permanent site is determined. Discussion followed. The council requested that Ms. Satterlee and Mr. Koslow of ACC attend the May 4th, 2006 Council meeting to discuss the future plans. Mary Becht announced that Arts Advocacy Day will be held on March 13-14, 2006 in Washington DC and that she will be attending the event with Michael Bassichis. Mary Becht also recommended that any council members planning on attending Arts Day and/or Broward Days in April notify staff so they can be briefed on issues.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced three of the South Florida Consortium Winners and presented each of them with a plaque. The artists, Giannina Coppiano Dwin, Christina Pettersson and Asser Saint-Val gave a brief presentation of their work to the council.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.