

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, October 5th, 2006 – 12:00 pm

Governmental Center – 4th Floor – Room 430

PRESENT: (8th Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p7, a1); Margaret Armand (p6,a2); Michael Bassichis (p6,a2); Darran Blake (p6,a2); Rose Marie Cossick (p6,a2); Dr. Claire Crawford (p8,a0); Georgette Sosa Douglass (p8,a0); Patrick Flynn (p8,a0); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p7,a1); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p8,a0); Teresa Hall (p6,a2); Roslyn Kurland (p6,a2); Jack Latona (p6,a2); Estelle Loewenstein (p6,a2); Anna Toms McDaniel (p8,a0); Christopher Pollock (p7, a1); Diane Weinbrum (p6,a2); Benjamin Williams (p5,a3); Pamela Wilson (p8,a0)

ABSENT: Bonnie Barnett (p7,a1);

GUEST(S): Charles Webster, Coordinator, Office of Government Relations, Broward County School Board; James Carballo, Project Manager, Broward County School Board; Jorge Gutierrez, Architect, Synalovski, Gutierrez and Romanik Architects; Jorge Luaces, Architect, Cubellis; Peter Palin, President, Cultural Foundation of Broward

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; 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 12:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniel to approve the minutes of the September 7th, 2006 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rose Marie Cossick pulled Item 4 on the Consent Agenda for discussion of project cost. Mary Becht explained that Item 4 was a motion to file a report required by the artists agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Jack Latona to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 on the consent agenda as follows:

Appoint Elizabeth Wentworth, Rafael Cruz, Nerissa Street, George Gadson, Michael Carn and Cheryl Cook to serve on the Micro Credit Committee.

Final payment in the amount of \$500 to artist Ed Zealy for the Photographic Portfolio of Airport Public Art Project.

Final payment in the amount of \$10,000 to artist Alicia Bellini-Sobchak for the Cultural Heritage Landmark Project.

File Dan Corson's Light-Based Multi-Year Artwork Concept Portfolio

Artist Selection Panel for the Airport Media Arts Project.

Artist Selection Panel for the Hispanic Cultural Educational Center Project.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Benjamin Williams and Charles Webster of the Broward County School Board gave a brief history on the Old Dillard School Museum as well as an update on the historical renovation project. Architect Jorge Gutierrez gave a presentation on the proposed construction plans to renovate the Old Dillard School Museum. Margaret Armand asked about expanding the staffing of the museum when the facility is enlarged. Mr. Williams reported that the school district will handle staffing increases.

Anna McDaniel reported that the Nominating Committee has recommended to retain Anthony Abbate as Chair, Georgette Sosa Douglass, as Vice Chair, Edith Gooden-Thompson, as second Vice-Chair and Jack Latona as Member At Large for the 2007 BCC council.

Anna McDaniel stated that the Arts Education Committee agreed that the definition of a unit of service can vary with each grant application and it is the grant panel's responsibility to determine if funding for such application is appropriate based on the project scope and qualifications of artist(s). Ms. McDaniel reported that the average grant in 2005 was \$119.00 per unit of service and in 2006 the average grant was \$111.00 per unit of service. Discussion followed. Ms. McDaniel recommended that the committee and staff will continue to work on a fee structure based on the project and the qualifications of the artist(s).

Georgette Sosa-Douglass thanked council members for serving on various committees and providing their Year-End Committee Reports. She stated that the Planning Committee met, reviewed the reports and drafted council goals for 2007. She asked if anyone would like to discuss the goals and stated that they will be presented to the public at the November Planning Workshop.

Benjamin Williams gave a brief update on the Micro Credit Committee and announced that upcoming meetings will be held on October 27, 2006 at the Broward County School Board and on October 28, 2006 at ArtServe.

Georgette Sosa-Douglass reported on the County Budget Hearing. Ms. Douglass stated that the Fort Lauderdale Library will not be closed therefore, ArtServe will not be relocated, but unfortunately the unused \$100,000 from the Challenge Grant Program was cut. Ms. Douglass also recommended that more constituents that receive our funds and advocacy members attend the County Budget Hearings to support the Arts.

Chair Anthony Abbate reported that a task force will be working on Cultural Tourism Plan for Broward County.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that the Design Art Program Grant Review Panel will meet on October 27, 2006, the Mini-Grant Review Panel on October 30, 2006 and the Cultural Diversity Grant Panel will be held on November 7th and December 6th, 2006.

Chair Anthony Abbate noted that the BCC and BCC Executive Calendars for 2007 are completed and that the deadline to change dates due to conflicting religious holidays has passed.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that the BCC and the BCC Planning Forum Meetings will be held at the Main Library on November 2, 2006, followed by an optional meeting with the City of Miramar Workshop, at the Miramar Town Center at 2 pm.

Director Mary Becht urged council members to sign up for grant evaluations for Fiscal Year 2007. Ms. Becht also reported that the Commission Resolution on the Florida Turnpike Sound Wall was approved and was sent to legislators and FDOT officials. Ms. Becht also invited council members to attend the Arts Teacher of the Year (ATOY) Event on October 25, 2006 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

Peter Palin, President of the Cultural Foundation of Broward, gave a brief update on the foundation and reported that more funding for ATOY and Moretti Awards events are needed. Mr. Palin also invited Council Members to attend the January 2007 Cultural Foundation (CF) Meeting for discussion of workplace giving. Robbie Kurland urged members to pay their Cultural Foundation Annual Dues and/or become a CF Member. Ms. Kurland asked Rowena Nocom to send all council members a CF Membership Application and dues schedule.

Patrick Flynn gave an update on the Mentor's Program and announced that the first meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.