

MINUTES
BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
PLANNING FORUM
Thursday, January 5th, 2006 – 12:00 pm
Pompano Beach Civic Center – West Banquet Room

***** RESCHEDULED MEETING FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2005;
DUE TO HURRICANE WILMA*****

PRESENT: Anthony Abbate, Chair (p2, a0); Margaret Armand (p2,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p2,a0); Darran Blake (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); Teresa Hall (p2,a0); Jack Latona (p2,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p2,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p2,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p1,a0); Elayne Weisburd (p1,a0); Benjamin Williams (p1,a0); Pamela Wilson (p1,a0)

ABSENT: Michael Bassichis (p1a1); Vice-Mayor Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco (p1,a1); Roslyn Kurland (p0,a2); Lee Weintraub (p1,a1);

GUESTS: Mayor John Rayson, Pompano Beach; C. William Hargett, City Manager, Pompano Beach; Mary Beth Purchase, Chair, Pompano Beach Cultural Arts Committee; Chris Sisto, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Pompano Beach Civic Center and Amphitheatre; Hip Castleberry; Joseph Ryan; Trisha Travis; Sue Lanski.

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant 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

Steve Glassman introduced speakers on the agenda and elected officials and thanked city of Pompano Beach for hosting the Forum Meeting.

City of Pompano Beach, Mayor John Rayson, welcomed Broward Cultural Council (BCC) members and briefly commented about the diversity of cultures and importance of forums to discuss ideas to unify people.

Pompano Beach City Manager, Bill Hargett, recounted last years' art and culture events and announced upcoming events in Pompano Beach. Mr. Hargett briefly revealed the history of Pompano Beach and mentioned that they will be celebrating their 100th Birthday shortly.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger stressed the importance of the Cultural Forums and announced that the next Cultural Forum will be on May 16, 2006 in the City of Miramar at the new town hall.

Mary Beth Purchase, Chair of Pompano Beach Cultural Arts Committee, introduced two student pianists' finalists who performed Chopin solos. Mary Beth Purchase also invited audience for a tour of the Pompano Beach Amphitheatre.

Mary Becht gave an update on the 2010 Master Plan for the community and stated that the mission of council is to enhance the communities' cultural environment. The vision is to have a downtown district cultural anchor and to reach out to regional cultural amenities. Mary Becht highlighted two of the Cultural Division and Councils' current projects; the ArtsParks (cultural centers in 4 cities) and the Sailboat Bend artist lofts project (affordable artist housing). Mary Becht urged everyone to purchase an arts license plate to contribute to the artist live/work space.

Mary Becht reported that the Cultural Division has received a \$60,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for the counties' Design Arts Program and 8 National Association of County Information Awards of Excellence for various publications and two Addy Awards. Mary Becht also announced a new partnership with Children's Services and that \$100,000 was made available for after school cultural programs for children.

Dr. Claire Crawford stated Broward Cultural Councils' accomplishments for 2005 and announced that the Indiana University Fund Raising School will start in June 2006 and encouraged members to attend this important seminar.

Chair Anthony Abbate introduced Broward Cultural Council members and went over the BCC goals for 2006.

A person in the audience, Sue Lanski commented that the Council goals were right on target but suggested that more live music be included in the Public Art and Design.

Tricia Travis, representing a citizens' group proposing an ArtsPark in Pompano Beach, stated that there was a great synergy between Culture and Tourism and reported that the group has collected over 2,000 signatures for the ArtsPark in Pompano.

Joseph Ryan representing the city of Palm Aire, commented that there are not enough art and cultural venues in eastern Pompano Beach.

Hip Castleberry spoke briefly on the history of the Hillsboro Lighthouse in Pompano Beach and invited audience to tour the lighthouse on February 4th, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.