

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, January 4th, 2007 – 12:00 PM

Main Library – 8th Floor – Room 8A/B

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); Patrick Flynn (p1,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p1,a0); Teresa Hall (p1,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p1,a0); Jack Latona (p1,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p1,a0); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p1,a0); Pamela Wilson (p1,a0)

ABSENT: Diane Weinbrum (p0,a1); Estelle Loewenstein (p0,a1); Benjamin Williams (p0,a1); Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin (p0,a1)

GUEST(S): Barbara Keith, Executive Director, Stranahan House

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Steve Glassman, Arts Education and Community Development 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 12:14 p.m.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced the new council members as: Richard Simon, Beverly Stracher and Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin and welcomed them to the board.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Margaret Armand, *to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2006 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director of the Stranahan House, Barbara Keith, gave a presentation on the history of the Stranahan House, restoration efforts, historic preservation, the fight to protect the house from encroaching over-development and the future plans to protect the structure. Ms. Keith also stated that they appreciate the funding that Broward County provides.

Items 4 and 7 were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Jack Latona, *to approve items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 on the Consent Agenda as follows:*

Melanie Camp, Gretchen Fasulo, Bharti Chokshi, and Andrew Cagnetta to serve on the Selection Panel for the Education and Community Development grant program FY 2008.

Approval of additional thirty-day (30) (total 60-day) extension for submission of annual audit for the All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. (GOP01-2006).

Grant eligibility designation request for Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc., for FY 2008 Attached is the designation request for General Operating Program support.

Grant eligibility designation request for South Florida Ballet Theatre, Inc., for FY 2008 Attached is the designation request for General Operating Program support.

Approval of Frances Mulcahy to be added to the pool of Artist Selection Panelists

Approval of design proposal by artist Robert Calvo for the Miramar Community Library, in an amount not to exceed \$77,000 (\$70,000 art; \$7,000 contingency reserve).

Approval of Aron Temkin to be added to the pool of Artist Selection.

Approval of Artist Selection Panel for Highway Gateway Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

Artist Selection Panel for Port Everglades Master Plan Project.

Artist Selection Panel for Convention Center Master 6 Plan Project.

Mimi Botscheller to be added to the pool of Artist Selection Panelists (pending approval of Public Art and Design Committee 1/10/07).

Delegation request by Karl Eric Boucicaut, President of the A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation, Inc., regarding a waiver of deadline for submission of the organization's FY2005 certified audited financial statements to the Board of County Commissioners.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 4. Anna Toms McDaniels questioned funding of a "library". Jack Latona, (a board member of the Stonewall Library), explained that it represents the history of Gay and Lesbians. A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom to approve item 4 on the consent agenda as follows: *Grant eligibility designation request for Stonewall Library and Archives, Inc., for FY 2008.* The motion was approved with one abstention. Jack Latona is a board member of the Stonewall Library and Archives.

Discussion followed on Item 7. Several council members voiced a concern over the integrity of the structure and if the county would be liable for repairs in case of wind storm. Mary Becht stated that the Dean Combs, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Pembroke Pines served on the artist selection panel and understood that they would own the structure and be responsible for insurance and repairs. In addition the structure will meet South Florida Building Codes and that the images are replaceable.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve item 7, on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of design proposal by artist Carl Cheng for the Pembroke Pines River of Grass ArtsPark in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on the eligibility request for the Humanity Project, a web-based serialized modern work based on Dante's "The Divine Comedy". A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom to table item until more information on the project was received. The motion was approved.

Anna McDaniel announced the election of officers for the Broward Cultural Council. A motion was made by Anna Toms McDaniel, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve as *Anthony Abbate, Chair, Edith Gooden-Thompson, 1st Vice-Chair, Jack Latona, 2nd Vice-Chair, and Robbie Kurland as Member-at-Large.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Bonnie Barnett announced the grand opening ceremony for the 30th Year Public Art & Design Light Project at Huizenga Plaza and encouraged members to attend. Ms. Barnett also announced that a sponsor was still needed to host a party after the ceremony and that a separate section was needed for dedicated seating for council members and commissioners. Discussion followed.

Chair Anthony Abbate reported that Christopher Pollock has resigned from the BCC council and is no longer representing the Tourist Development Council (TDC). Chair Anthony Abbate stated that the Cultural Tourism Committee will have a final meeting this month and a final draft of those meetings will be distributed at the next BCC meeting.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that the panel review meeting for MCI and ROP Grants will be on January 10, 2007. Chair Anthony Abbate also distributed to the council a letter that he sent to Broward County Commissioners on December 12, 2006 seeking additional funding.

Director Mary Becht asked council members to review their 2007 Council Handbook that was distributed and reminded council of the changes to the attendance policy stating that excused absences must be granted two days prior to the meeting date or will not be excused. Discussion followed.

Director Mary Becht announced that the Americans for the Arts function will commence on January 11-13, 2007 and that over 120 members will be attending. Ms. Becht invited council members to attend tours and activities.

Michael Bassichis reported that the Advocacy Committee will be attending the legislative delegation at Florida Atlantic University on January 19, 2007. Mr. Bassichis also announced that the Advocacy Committee will be attending Arts Day in Washington D.C. on March 12-13, 2007 and Broward Days on March 20, 2007. Mr. Bassichis encouraged council members to become a member of the Advocacy Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.