

## MINUTES

### BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 – 12:00 PM

Main Library – 8<sup>th</sup> Floor – Room 8A/B

**PRESENT:** (3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p3,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p3,a0); Michael Bassichis (p3,a0); Darran Blake (p3,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p3,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p3,a0); Arthur Crispino (p2, a0); Patrick Flynn (p3,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p3,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p3,a0); Jack Latona (p3,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p2,a1); Anna Toms McDaniel (p3,a0); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p3,a0); Richard Simon (p3,a0); Beverly Bard Stracher (p2,a1); Diane Weinbrum (p2,a1); Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin (p1,a2); Benjamin Williams (p1,a2); Pamela Wilson (p3,a0)

**ABSENT:** Margaret Armand (p2,a1); Teresa Hall (p2,a1)

**GUEST(S):** Kim Cavendish, President, Museum of Discovery and Science

**STAFF:** Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant 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

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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 Anna Toms McDaniels, seconded by Darran Blake, *to approve the minutes of the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Item C4 was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Chair Anthony Abbate welcomed Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin and announced that she will chair the International Task Force committee. Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin spoke at length about the importance of having a International Task Force Committee and requested that her assistant Vicki Pearson be allowed to attend committee meetings as her alternate in case she is unable to attend.

A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Jack Latona, *to appoint Vicki Pearson as an alternate on the International Task Force Committee.* The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Jack Latona, to approve items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f, and 4g on the Consent Agenda as follows:

*Approval of the following in the pool of grant panelists: Barbara O'Keefe, Executive Director of Coral Springs Museum of Art; Luctricia Welters, Artistic Director of Jubilee Dance Theatre, Inc.;*

*Karen Dale Wolman, Individual Artist; and Mariavelia Savino, Interim Curator of Art and Culture Center of Hollywood*

*Redirect the funds from the Design Arts Program (DAP) FY07, in the amount of \$30,000 to the funding of Mini Grant Program (MGP) FY07.*

*Design proposal Pompano Beach Drum Circle by artists Bill and Mary Buchen (Son Arc, Inc.) for the Pompano Beach Neighborhood Transit Center Project.*

*Approval of the following in the International Task Force Committee: James Brooks-Bruzzese, Artistic Director of the Symphony of the Americas; Irvin Lippman, Executive Director of the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale (PAD Committee member); Sam Morrison, Community Leader; Mark Nerenhausen, President and CEO, Broward Center for the Performing Arts; Mario Cartaya, President, Cartaya and Associates Architect; Ernestine Ray, President & CEO, Ancestral Legacies, Inc.; Babacar M'Bow, International Programs and Exhibit Coordinator, Broward County Libraries.*

The motion was unanimously approved.

Kim Cavendish, President, Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) gave a presentation to introduce major capital improvements, expansion and upcoming programs at the MODS. She requested the council's help with.

Assistant Director Earl Bosworth gave an update on the 2008 Budget and noted a typo on the budget handout on the Cultural Diversity program, should be revised **FROM: \$159,500 TO: \$160,000**. Earl Bosworth also announced that the county has implemented a new zero based performance outcome budget process and that the division will submit budget proposals for the special purpose division and council's funds.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Jack Latona to *approve the 2008 Budget as revised*. Dr. Claire Crawford recommended an increase in the general operating budget. The motion was approved with 20 in favor of, and one opposed (Dr. Claire Crawford). Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom requested a copy of the 2006 budget to determine what increases were made in 2006 and 2007.

Director Mary Becht informed the council that no applications were received for the Challenge Grant funds. Discussion followed. The council recommended establishing a new deadline to give applicants another grant opportunity. A motion was made by Chair Anthony Abbate, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniels to *request the County Commission to extend the Challenge grant deadline*. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that the Capital Redevelopment Program will be on the Commissioners Agenda and urged council members to discuss recommendations with their commissioner. Chair Anthony Abbate reported that the Cultural Tourism Committee recommendations will not be finalized until the Tourist Development Council (TDC) has their quarterly meeting to ratify the

recommendations (a copy of the report will be distributed to the council soon). Chair Anthony Abbate also reminded council members to sign up for the Cultural Council Committees.

Director Mary Becht announced that the Cultural Tourism and General Operating Grant Panel meetings will be held in March and April. Mary Becht distributed a Commission agenda item by the County's Economic office that will be designating the Broward Center for the Performing Arts as the Cultural Embassy to host programs for visiting dignitaries. The division is preparing a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts for the 2020 Community Cultural Plan. Mary Becht gave a brief update on the Broward County Budget and stated that a modified County hiring freeze is underway. The County Commission plans to retain the 2007 budget level and is concerned about 2008 budget projections and state legislative proposals. Jack Latona distributed Kayla Olson's budget projections and noted the serious nature of this year's budget. Discussion followed.

Director Mary Becht invited council members to attend the Encore-Moretti Awards on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at Pier 66 at 11:30 am and the Hollywood ArtsPark Dedication on March 16, 2007 at 6 pm. Mary Becht also announced that the Cultural Diversity Artists' Forum will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the City of Lauderdale Lakes.

Discussion followed on changing the time of cultural organizations presentations due to several council members not attending entire meeting. Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom recommended having the presentations at the end of the meeting. Claire Crawford suggested that organizations give more factual information and less of a marketing presentation in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.