

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, May 3rd, 2007 – 12:00 PM

Main Library – 8th Floor –Room 8 A/B

PRESENT: (5th Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p5,a0); Margaret Armand (p4,a1); Bonnie Barnett (p5,a0); Michael Bassichis (p5,a0); Darran Blake (p5,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p5,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p5,a0); Arthur Crispino (p4,a0); Patrick Flynn (p5,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p5,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p5,a0); Jack Latona (p5,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p3,a2); Anna Toms McDaniel (p5,a0); Richard Simon (p5,a0); Beverly Bard Stracher (p2,a2); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p4,a1); Benjamin Williams (p3,a2); Pamela Wilson (p5,a0)

ABSENT: Teresa Hall (p3,a2); Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin (p2,a3); Diane Weinbrum (p3,a2);

GUEST(S): South Florida Cultural Consortium Award recipients: Robert Friedman, Artist; Louis Davis, Artist; Ray Azcuy, Artist; Suzanne Scherer, Artist; Pavel Ouporov, Artist

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Marketing Director; Adriane Clarke, Arts Management Specialist I; Monique Shaw, Arts Management Specialist II; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Lisa Lopez, Arts Assistant; Roshunda Parker, Public Service Intern; Barbra Aleman, Senior Secretary

Chair Anthony Abbate called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Anna Toms McDaniels, seconded by Bonnie Barnett, *to approve the minutes of the April 12th, 2007 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Items 3b, 3e, 3h, 3i, 3j, 5a, 5b, 5c and 8 were pulled for discussion and/or conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Patrick Flynn, to approve items 1, 2, 3a, 3c, 3d, 3f, 3g, 3k, 3l, 3m, 4, 5d, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Broward Cultural Council (BCC) approval authority for Grant, Education, Public Art and Design and Administrative Code matters to the BCC Executive Committee from June 8, 2007 through September 5, 2007. (All such actions to be ratified by the BCC at the September 6, 2006 Council meeting). There will be no BCC meeting on July 5, 2007 and August 2, 2007.

Dr. David Lazerson, Music Teacher at the Quest Center, as Arts Teacher of the Year for 2007

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Cultural Tourism Program from the March 22, 2007 panel meeting (Funding recommendations for grantees will commence FY 2008): Broward County Film Festival, Inc. (CTP01-2008) in the amount of \$61,600; City of Hollywood (CTP02B-2008) in the amount of \$42,900; Miami City Ballet, Inc. (CTP03-2008) in the amount of \$47,600; Performing Arts Center Authority/BCPA, Inc. (CTP05A-2008) in the amount of \$59,100; Concert Association of Florida, Inc. (CTP05B-2008) in the amount of \$54,700; Stranahan House, Inc. (CTP05F-2008) in the amount of \$17,800; Symphony of the Americas, Inc. (CTP06-2008) in the amount of \$46,500; Young at Art of Broward, Inc. (CTP07-2008) in the amount of \$50,600.

Approval of the April 11, 2007 grant panel's recommendations for three (3) new grantees and additional funding in the total amount of \$89,700 for the FY General Operating Program FY 2008 for the following applicants: GOP18-2008 Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc. - \$44,000; and GOP 22-2008 South Florida Ballet Theatre, Inc. - \$14,800; and GOP 25-2008 Stonewall Library and Archives, Inc. -\$30,900. to be funded from Broward Cultural Council's Special Purpose Fund reserve.

Approval of the grant panel's recommendation to fund the following organizations: Broward Art Guild, Inc. (GOP06-2008) in the amount of \$16,000; All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. (GOP01-2008) in the amount of \$66,100; ARS Flores Symphony Orchestra, Inc. (GOP02-2008) in the amount of \$27,100; Bailes-Ferrer, Inc. (GOP04-2008) in the amount of \$34,200; Bonnet House, Inc. (GOP05-2008) in the amount of \$63,300; Coral Springs Chinese Culture Association, Inc. (GOP07-2008) in the amount of \$37,900; Coral Springs Museum of Art, Inc. (GOP08-2008) in the amount of \$43,700; Curtain Call Playhouse, Inc. (GOP09-2008) in the amount of \$39,900; Davie School Foundation, Inc. (GOP10-2008) in the amount of \$32,100; Florida's Singing Sons, Inc. (GOP11-2008) in the amount of \$67,600; Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, Inc. (GOP12-2008) in the amount of \$67,900; Gold Coast Jazz Society, Inc. (GOP14-2008) in the amount of \$53,500; Gold Coast Opera, Inc. (GOP15-2008) in the amount of \$50,600; Hollywood Regional Center for the Arts, Inc. (GOP16-2008) in the amount of \$27,400; Inside Out Theatre Company, Inc. (GOP17-2008) in the amount of \$36,500; Public Theatre of South Florida, Inc. (GOP20-2008) in the amount of \$34,700; Sistrunk Historical Festival, Inc. (GOP21-2008) in the amount of \$40,600; South Florida Choral Arts, Inc. (GOP23-2008) in the amount of \$35,300; South Florida Jazz, Inc. (GOP24-2008) in the amount of \$50,800; Stranahan House, Inc. (GOP26-2008) in the amount of \$53,200; Symphony of the Americas, Inc. (GOP27-2008) in the amount of \$70,700; Tamarac Theatre of the Performing Arts, Inc. (GOP28-2008) in the amount of \$35,300.

Approval of the following in the pool of grant panelists for all programs: Lorraine Maxwell, Individual Artist; Michele Scanlon, Grants Coordinator Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation; Dr. Donna Goldstein, Managing Director of World Arts Now, a division of Development Associates International, Inc.; Aimee Fernandez, Community Representative

A waiver (extension) from the Women's Theatre Project, Inc., (MGP14-2007) for late submission of the Project Report.

Michael Everett, Community Representative to serve as a member of the Cultural Diversity Committee.

Approval of 2008 PAD Annual plan (Draft 2).

Approval of the artist team of Patricia Baez Abud and Giannina Coppiano Dwin for the Hispanic Cultural and Educational Research Center Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Approval of additional funds for the Lauderdale Lakes Library project by an amount not to exceed \$30,000, increasing the total budget for this project to an amount not to exceed \$52,500.

Approval of five (5) artists: Kyle Trowbridge, Thibaut Fagonde, the artist team, Monica and Tasha Lopez de Victoria (TM Sisters), Gary Shlifer, and Mark Diamond, for the Airport Media Arts Project in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for each art video, pending approval by the Public Art and Design Committee on May 9, 2007.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jack Latona, seconded by Edith Gooden-Thompson, to approve item 3b on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for Hollywood Art and Culture Center, Inc. (CTP02A-2008) in the amount of \$42,900.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a board member of Hollywood Art and Culture Center.

A motion was made by Anna Toms McDaniels, seconded by Jack Latona, to approve item 3e on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for the Museum of Discovery & Science, Inc. (CTP04-2008) in the amount of \$62,700.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Patrick Flynn abstained from voting because he is a staff member of the Museum of Discovery and Science.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Arthur Crispino, to approve item 3h on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (CTP05C-2008) in the amount of \$21,000.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Dr. Claire Crawford abstained from voting because she is a trustee of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom, to approve item 3i on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for the Museum of Art, Inc. (CTP05D-2008) in the amount of \$46,300.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Anna Toms McDaniels abstained from voting because she is a board member of the Museum of Art.

A motion was made by Anna Toms McDaniels, seconded by Pam Wilson, to approve item 3j on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for The Opera Guild, Inc. (CTP05E-2008)*

in the amount of \$46,300. The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a board member of The Opera Guild.

A motion was made by Richard Simon, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom, to approve item 5a on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (GOP13-2008) in the amount of \$70,900.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Dr. Claire Crawford abstained from voting because she is a trustee of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick, to approve item 5b on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for Mosaic Theatre, Inc. (GOP19-2008) in the amount of \$45,400.* The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 1 abstention. Richard Simon abstained from voting because he is a staff member of the Mosaic Theatre, Inc.

A motion was made by Jack Latona, seconded by Pam Wilson, to approve item 5c on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Funding recommendations for Young At Art of Broward, Inc. (GOP29-2008) in the amount of \$68,300.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on item 8. A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Edith Gooden Thompson, to approve item 8 on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Niurca E. Marquez, Director International Programs and Artist Exchanges of Bailes Ferrer and Tonietta A. Walters, President & CEO: The Arts Office Net Inc. /International Arts Network, to serve on the International Task Force Committee.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Anthony Abbate introduced the four recipients of the South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) awards. Each artist gave a presentation of their artwork. Chair Anthony Abbate presented each artist with an award.

Dialogue followed on discussion item A. A motion was made by Anna Toms McDaniels, seconded by Robbie Kurland to *change BCC Executive Committee meetings, from monthly to quarterly, except when the full council is in recess (usually during the summer months of July and August).* The motion was unanimously approved. Chair Anthony Abbate asked that discussion item b be removed from the agenda.

Chair Anthony Abbate thanked the Micro Credit Loan Committee and announced that their recommendations will go to the South Florida Regional Planning Committee for approval on May 7 and to the county commission on May 22. Jim Shermer added that a Artist as Entrepreneur Training Program will be offered this June to help artists market their work and urged council to help promote program.

Chair Anthony Abbate reported that the meeting with Commissioner Ken Keechl will be held on May 10 and Commissioner Stacy Ritter on May 14. He requested that Commissioner Appointees attend these meetings. Chair Abbate announced that the Cultural Forum will be held on May 4, 2007 at the Coral Springs Center for the Arts and reminded council members that tickets are still available for the Encore-Moretti Awards.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that the Cultural Diversity Committee Meeting will be on May 9, 2007. Chair Abbate stated that he would like Commissioner Suzanne Gunzburger to serve on the Planning Committee. The council concurred to recommend Commissioner Suzanne Gunzburger to the Planning Committee.

Chair Abbate stated that the 2007 Arts Teacher of the Year will be held on October 24, 2007 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and noted that a permanent sponsor is still needed to host the event.

Robbie Kurland announced that she had accepted an award from the Symphony of the Americas on behalf of the Broward Cultural Council.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that Edith Gooden Thompson will chair the next BCC meeting on June 7th, 2007 and reminded council that the BCC meetings for June and July are in recess.

Director Mary Becht reported that VisionBROWARD will host an International Reception on May 10th, 2007 and a conference will follow in the fall. The County Budget Workshop was cancelled, reschedule to May 15 and May 24.

Director Mary Becht stated that the Historical Commission was awarded their challenge grants. Ms. Becht announced that the first artist information meeting for ArtSpace will be on May 15th, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.