

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, June 7th, 2007 – 12:00 PM

Main Library – 8th Floor – Room 8 A/B

PRESENT: (6th Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, 1st Chair (p6,a0); Margaret Armand (p5,a1); Bonnie Barnett (p6,a0); Michael Bassichis (p6,a0); Darran Blake (p6,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p6,a0); Arthur Crispino (p5,a0); Patrick Flynn (p6,a0); Teresa Hall (p4,a2); Jack Latona (p6,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p4,a2); Anna Toms McDaniel (p6,a0); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p5,a1); Beverly Bard Stracher (p4,a1); Diane Weinbrum (p4,a2); Benjamin Williams (p4,a2); Pamela Wilson (p6,a0)

ABSENT: Anthony Abbate, Chair (p5,a1); Rose Marie Cossick (p5,a1); Roslyn Kurland (p5,a1); Richard Simon (p5,a1); Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin (p2,a4);

GUEST(S): Rafael Cruz, Cheryl Cook, and Joyce Hall, Micro Credit Committee Members; Lu Welters, Director, Jubilee Dance Theatre

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; James Shermer, Grants Manager; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Senior Secretary

1st Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Michael Bassichis, *to approve the minutes of the May 3rd, 2007 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting.* The motion was unanimously approved.

1st Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson pulled Item 6 from the consent agenda addendum and stated that a motion was not needed. Ms. Gooden-Thompson pulled Discussion Item VII, 2b and asked for a motion to move discussion item as a part of the consent agenda. Claire Crawford pulled Item 5 on the addendum for discussion.

A motion was made by Claire Crawford, seconded by Michael Bassichis to pull Items VII, 2b and item 5 on the consent agenda for discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Benjamin Williams introduced Micro Credit Committee Members: Rafael Cruz, Cheryl Cook and Joyce Hall and gave an update on the exciting things that are happening in the Micro Credit Grant Program.

A motion was made by Claire Crawford, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniels, to approve Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the Consent Agenda as follows:

*Approval of a Grant Change Request for the Roosevelt Gardens Homeowners Association, Inc. (DAP01-2007) **FROM:** Entire neighborhood design **TO:** 27th Avenue Walk of Fame. **FROM:** Four (4) Community Meetings **TO:** Two (2) Community Meetings*

Approval of 2008 PAD Annual Plan – Draft 3.

Approval of Artist Selection Panel for the Children’s Reading Center and Museum Project.

Approval of Sarrah Khan to serve in the artist selection pool panel.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Consent Agenda Item 5. A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Patrick Flynn, to approve item 5 on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Distribution of Special Purpose Fund Reserve to MCI, ROP, CDP & GOP grants for FY08.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Dialogue continued on Discussion Item VII, 2b. A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Pam Wilson, to approve item VII, 2b on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Penny of Bed Tax for Cultural Tourism Report to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Lu Welters, Director of Jubilee Dance Theatre, gave a brief overview of the programs and services that the dance theatre provides to underserved areas currently at the African-American Library. Ms. Welters stated that the theatre is currently seeking a permanent home for the Jubilee Dance Theatre and requested help from the committee.

1st Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson recommended that council members keep their scheduled meetings with commissioners. Several council members commented on their meeting with commissioners. Ms. Gooden-Thompson also stated that council may have to meet again in July to review budget cuts.

1st Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked committee to review the Planning Committee Report Grant Policy Recommendations because a motion is required before the Broward County Administrative Code can be changed.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Claire Crawford to approve item 1 on the Grant Policy Recommendations to *split the grants into two grant panels, one panel for Visual Arts/Museums and Multi-disciplinary and one panel for Performing Arts. The panels would be composed of five members each with a minimum of two council members per each panel. The panels would meet on the same day and the final results will be calculated together.* A vote was taken, 8 approved, 8 opposed. The motion was not approved.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Jack Latona, to approve item 2 on the Grant Policy Recommendations to *change the grant criteria to require the option for a proportionate number of board members or programs in Broward County. Criteria: Have a*

proportionate number, based on the number of South Florida counties served, of members of the organization's policy or decision making a governing board residing in Broward County, or New Addition: *After 10 years of uninterrupted services to Broward County, have a proportionate number of programs based on a proportionate number of South Florida counties served. The motion was unanimously approved.*

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Claire Crawford to approve item 3 on the Grant Policy Recommendations *to contract for services for technical assistance and/or marketing for the Theatre League of South Florida.* A vote was taken, 0 approved 16 opposed. The motion was not approved. A recommendation was made to change language (technical services) and bring the motion back after re-worded.

1st Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson reported that the next Planning Committee Meeting will be held on November 8th, 2007 at 10:30 am and the Cultural Forum at 12:00 pm (possibly in Tamarac). A 2020 Plan Timeline is being finalized and a consultant will be reviewing the plan.

Director Mary Becht distributed handouts and gave an update on the County Budget Workshop. Ms Becht announced that the next budget meeting will be held on June 19, 2007 and advised committee members to attend meeting.

Director Mary Becht distributed the proposed 2008 Cultural and Executive Council Meeting dates and asked members to advise Rowena Nocom if any conflicts due to religious reasons. Ms. Becht also announced that the Florida Arts Council Meeting will be held on July 20, 2007 at 10 am.

Director Mary Becht distributed the Economic Impact Study from the Americans for the Arts Organization and Assistant Director Earl Bosworth explained the findings on the report highlighting that Arts and Culture is now recognized as a job creating industry.

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.