

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, September 6th, 2007 – 12:00 PM

Main Library – 8th Floor –Room 8 A/B

PRESENT: (7th Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p6,a1); Edith Gooden-Thompson, 1st Chair (p7,a0); Margaret Armand (p6,a1); Bonnie Barnett (p7,a0); Michael Bassichis (p7,a0); Darran Blake (p7,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p6,a1); Dr. Claire Crawford (p7,a0); Arthur Crispino (p6,a0); Patrick Flynn (p7,a0); Teresa Hall (p5,a2); Roslyn Kurland (p6,a1); Estelle Loewenstein (p5,a2); Anna Toms McDaniel (p7,a0); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p6,a1); Richard Simon (p6,a1); Beverly Bard Stracher (p5,a1); Diane Weinbrum (p5,a2); Benjamin Williams (p5,a2);

ABSENT: Jack Latona (p6,a1); Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin (p2,a5); Richard Gray (p0, a1); Pamela Wilson (p6,a1)

GUEST(S): Robin Braun, Executive Artistic Director, Inside Out Theatre; Heather Stone, Aide to Commissioner Kristin Jacobs; Patricia Wiesler, Administrative Coordinator for Commissioner Diana Wasserman-Rubin; Carolyn Dandy, Chair, Fort Lauderdale Links; Robert Branch, Grant Planner, Broward County School Board; Michael Garrettson, Deputy Superintendent, Broward County School Board; Marie Meyers Kershaw, Director Community Investments, Broward County School Board; David Prada, Program Manager, Brown & Brown Architects

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; James Shermer, Grants Manager; Steve Glassman, Arts Management Specialist III; Christina Roldan, Project Manager, Public Art & Design; Lisa Lopez, Arts Assistant; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Senior Secretary

Chair Anthony Abbate called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:14 p.m.

Chair Anthony Abbate welcomed and introduced guests. Chair Abbate announced that Richard Gray was appointed by the Tourist Development Council to serve on the Cultural Council and stated that Pam Wilson has resigned.

A motion was made by Bonnie Barnett, seconded by Claire Crawford, to approve the minutes of the June 7th, 2007 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that Consent Agenda Item 8 has been replaced by Addendum Item 8. Bonnie Barnett pulled Item 1 and Claire Crawford pulled Item 9 for discussion.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Edith Gooden Thompson to pull Items 1 and 9 on the consent agenda for discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Claire Crawford, to approve Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Reappoint the following PAD Committee members for a second two-year term, from 10/1/07 to 9/30/09: Rebecca Conable, Irvin Lippman, Dr. Jaap Vos

Approval of the Artist Selection Panels for the following: Neighborhood Libraries – Lauderdale Lakes; Lauderhill ArtsPark; Miramar ArtsPark; Pembroke Pines ArtsPark; Edgar P. Mills Center; Pooled Libraries; Rental Car Center Shuttle Fleet ArtWrap Project at the Fort Lauderdale International Airport

Addition of Amy Ostrau as a voting representative from Young at Art for the Children’s Reading Center & Museum Artist Selection Panel.

Approval of the Katherine Allen to serve on the Artist Selection Pool Panel.

Amending Public Art and Design Annual Plan to add public/private partnership design fee up to \$15,000 for the Kathleen C. Wright commemorative memorial. The total project cost is \$290,000.

Approval of the Third Amendment to Agreement between Broward County and artist Alice Aycock for the water sculpture at Central Broward Regional Park to increase the budget in the amount of \$80,000, plus a 10% contingency.

Approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,500 to each of the following artists for the Media Arts Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport pending changes requested by the Artist Selection Panel: Mark Diamond, Thibault Fagonde, Monica and Tasha Lopez de Victoria, Gary Shlifer, Kyle Trowbridge.

The motion was unanimously approved with the exception of Item 6 (Kathleen C. Wright Commemorative Memorial), the motion was approved with 20 in favor of and 1 abstention. Benjamin Williams abstained from voting because he is a member of the School Board of Broward County.

A lengthy discussion followed on Item 1, B8, and the Highway Gateway Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. Bonnie Barnett stated that artist Ed Carpenters’ project was expensive and asked that it be noted on public record that the council should select a more prominent artist such as Richard Serra. Project Manager Christina Roldan gave a presentation on the Ed Carpenters’ Highway/Gateway Project. Discussion followed. Chair Anthony Abbate stated that the Executive Committee discussed this item at length on July 19th and that since the process of selecting an artist was fully completed and a commitment already made, the council recommended to continue with the project.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Claire Crawford to approve Items 1 (Ratification Items A1, A2, A3, A4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, and B10) on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of all items approved at the Broward Cultural Council Executive Committee Meetings of July 19, 2007 and August 16, 2007 (see below).

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Mini-Grant Program from the June 20, 2007 Panel meeting.

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the Museum of Art, Inc. to modify the programs and schedule during renovations in June, July and August 2007.

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Design Arts Program from the July 18, 2007 panel meeting.

Approval of Administrative Code changes for Regional Organization Program, eliminate matching program for Education and Community Development Program and other housekeeping changes.

Approval of artist Mikyoung Kim for the Port Everglades Master Plan Project, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, with artist Michael Singer as the Alternate.

Approval of Andres Cortes to serve in the Public Art and Design Committee.

Approval of Ernestine Ray to serve in the Public Art and Design Committee.

Approval of artist Ed Carpenter and the design concept for the Highway Gateway Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport in an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million.

Acceptance of the 2007 Appraisal of Public Art Collection and Condition Report and the written Priority Maintenance Needs Assessment Report by Eldridge Appraisals, Inc.

Approval of FY2008 PAD Annual Plan.

The motion was approved; 19 in favor, 2 opposed (Bonnie Barnett and Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom).

Discussion followed on Consent Agenda Addendum Item 9. **A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Arthur Crispini, to approve item 9 on the Consent Agenda as follows:**

Amend Public Art and Design FY 2008 Annual Plan to allocate up to \$20,000 to purchase individual artworks for county buildings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Robin Braun, Executive Director of the Inside Out Theatre, gave a brief presentation on the theatre's upcoming events and stated that the theatre needs board members, marketing to increase audiences and a permanent theatre space.

Discussion followed on the Broward Cultural Council FY08 Budget and opinion from Assistant County Attorney relating to the special purpose fund ordinance. Chair Anthony Abbate recommended waiting to see the final budget outcome. Chair Anthony Abbate recommended that council focus on the 2020 Community Cultural Plan.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that the Maximum Dance Company audit deadline waiver and State Grants will be going before the Commission on September 25, 2007. Chair Abbate also stated that a sponsor was needed to publish the Cultural Quarterly financed by advertising in publication.

Chair Anthony Abbate reported on meeting with Commissioner Lieberman and requested that council members speak with commissioners about the need for the Penny Tourist Tax. Discussion followed. Michael Bassichis, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, briefly spoke about the impact that the tourist tax would have on businesses and possible strategies. Beverly Stracher asked for a breakdown of talking points to go over with the county commissioners. Chair Abbate asked Advocacy committee to revise the list and forward to the council members.

Chair Anthony Abbate gave an update on the Tourist Development Council (TDC) Meeting held on August 23, 2007 and announced the official BCC Meeting dates for 2008. Chair Abbate also stated that council members can meet the new curator at the Dillard Museum, Derek Davis on September 7th, 2007 and the groundbreaking for the Pompano Transit Facility will be held on September 19, 2007.

Chair Anthony Abbate asked council members to consider an electronic version of the BCC Agenda to save money on printing. A survey form was distributed to council.

Director Mary Becht stated that the next public hearings on the County Budget will be held on September 11th, and 25th, 2007. Ms. Becht also reported that the Administrative Code changes pertaining to grants were passed at the last commission meeting.

Director Mary Becht announced that the SFCC opening will be held on Sept. 8, at MOCA Goldman Warehouse and that the deadline has passed for applications for the Live/Work spaces at Sailboat Bend. Following selection, 37 artists will move to their lofts in November. Ms. Becht complimented Steve Glassman and Patricia Zeller for the success at the Dillard Conference with over 800 participants.

Director Mary Becht stated that the next Cultural Diversity Forum and the Artist Hispanic Center Public Art Community Meeting will be held on September 26, 2007. Ms. Becht announced that the preview for the film "Class Act" by Americans for the Arts and sponsored by Young at Art will be shown at Cinema Paradiso on October 8th, 2007. Ms. Becht also announced that only one change grant request was approved for Inside Out Theatre (to change from a Teen Performance Workshop to a Teen Touring Group).

Director Mary Becht recommended that the Planning Committee needs all committee chairs to prepare their reports for 2007 accomplishments and proposed goals for 2008. They will be due on September 19, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.