

**Minutes
Broward Cultural Council
Executive Committee
Thursday, January 18th, 2007
Main Library, 8th Floor, Boardroom
100 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Present: (1st Meeting) Anthony Abbate (p1, a0); Jack Latona, 2nd Vice-Chair (p1, a0); Dr. Claire Crawford, Past Chair (p1, a0); Robbie Kurland, Member-at-Large (p1,a0);

Absent: Edith Gooden-Thompson, 1st Vice-Chair (p0, a1); Richard Simon (p0, a1)

Staff: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grant Administrator; Belkis Ferro, Arts 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 announced that Arthur Crispino was appointed by Commissioner Ken Keechl to serve as a BCC Council Member. Mr. Crispino will be introduced at the next BCC Meeting.

A motion was made by Jack Latona, seconded by Robbie Kurland, to approve the minutes of the December 21st, 2006 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jack Latona, seconded by Robbie Kurland to recommend approval to place Items 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, and 8 on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Cultural Diversity Program grant panel recommendations from the December 6, 2006 grant panel for FY 2008

Grant panel's recommendations for the Regional Organization Program (grantees: ROP01-2008 through ROP06-2008) and the Major Cultural Institution Program (grantees: MCI01-2008 through MCI05-2008) from the January 10, 2007 Panel meeting, for FY 2008.

Request for DELEGATION by David Olds, Executive Director, of the Maximum Dance Company, Inc. regarding request for a waiver of deadline for submission of the FY2006 certified audited financial statements to the Board of County Commissioners.

Approval of final payment to PhenomenArts, Inc. (Artist Christopher Janney), in the amount of \$16,300 for Phase II of the South Regional Library Project pending Contract Administrator's verification of construction inspection, educational outreach, and receipt of all required documentation.

Approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,500 to artist Jose L. Ocejo for the Media Arts Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

Approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,500 to artist Konstantia Kontaxis for the Media Arts Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

Approval of final payment in the amount of \$7,500 to artist Mark Moormann for the Media Arts Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

Approval of the Artist Selection Panel for the Pompano Beach Neighborhood Transit Center Project.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on the Hollywood Arts & Culture Center presentation. The council decided to move the presentation to 12:30 pm and limit time to 15 minutes.

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that BCC council members should support the arts by obtaining a Cultural Foundation Membership. Chair Anthony Abbate recommended that the Cultural Division staff prepare individual Cultural Foundation Membership forms for all BCC Council Members for the next BCC Meeting.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that his memo to the County Commissioners received a favorable reaction from the Mayor and Commissioner Lieberman and the item will be on the Broward County Agenda on January 23, 2007. Chair Anthony Abbate urged members to help clarify with their commissioners that it is only a request to add four words to the current guidelines (Cultural Facilities & Historical Preservation) to make the program available.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced the Committee chair appointees for 2007. Chair Anthony Abbate also stated that the Cultural Tourism Meeting will hold their final meeting on January 29th, 2007 and invited council members to attend.

Director Mary Becht stated that the Americans for the Arts Event was very successful and gave a brief overview of activities. Director Mary Becht gave an update on the upcoming Dan Corson Light Project.

Assistant Earl Bosworth announced that the Cultural Division received the preliminary budget for 2008 and will give an estimate shortly.

Jim Shermer announced that the "Humanity" web-based organization has met all the requirements for eligibility for funding. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.