

**Minutes  
Broward Cultural Council  
Executive Committee  
Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Main Library, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boardroom  
100 S. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

**Present:** (3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting) Anthony Abbate (p3, a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair (p2, a1); Jack Latona, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair (p3, a0); Dr. Claire Crawford, Past Chair (p2, a1); Robbie Kurland, Member-at-Large (p3,a0); Richard Simon (p0, a2)

**Guest(s):** Maureen Kohler, Ex Officio, ArtServe,  
Richelle Doliner, Development Manager, ArtServe

**Staff:** Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grant Administrator; Claire Garrett, Project Manager, Public Art and Design; Barbra Aleman, Senior Secretary

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Chair Anthony Abbate called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:11 p.m.

**A motion was made by Jack Latona, seconded by Edith Gooden-Thompson, to approve the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Robbie Kurland pulled items 3 and 6 on the consent agenda for discussion.

**A motion was made by Richard Simon, seconded by Jack Latona to recommend approval to place Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 on the Consent Agenda as follows:**

*Deborah Wilkinson, Global Business Development Manager of Broward County Economic Development Office, to the International Task Force, with Devin Avery, Strategic Economic Development Manager of Broward County Economic Development Office, as her alternative*

*Education and Community Development grant panel recommendations from the February 12, 2007 grant panel for FY 2008. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence October 1, 2007.*

*Grant panel's recommendations for the Mini-Grant Program from the March 8, 2007 Panel meeting, Funding recommendations for grantees will commence May 1, 2007*

*2008 PAD Annual Plan – 1st Draft*

*Final payment in the amount of \$6,500 to Artist Ritsuko Taho for the Hollywood ArtsPark Project, pending final review of website material by the City.*

*Main Library Video Wall in the amount up to \$20,000.*

*Luis A. Muriel to serve as Community Representative on the Artist Selection Panel for the Hispanic Cultural and Educational Research Center Project.*

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on contingency plans for a new lease or alternate location for ArtServe. Maureen Kohler stated that the library has renewed ArtServe's lease for the next 20 years and that they are considering a satellite location in Tamarac. Dr. Claire Crawford recommended that county clean up the restroom facilities at ArtServe and replace worn out and uncomfortable assembly chairs.

**A motion was made by Dr. Claire Crawford, seconded by Edith Gooden-Thompson to draft a letter to the Library Division regarding deteriorating conditions at ArtServe, especially cleanliness of bathroom facilities and chairs. The motion was unanimously approved**

**A motion was made by Dr. Claire Crawford, seconded by Richard Simon to recommend approval of Item 3 on the Consent Agenda as follows: ArtServe, Inc. grant application for funding General Operating Program and General Fund from the March 15, 2007 Executive Committee meeting in the amount \$103,000 for FY 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Robbie Kurland questioned whether the light project was complete. Claire Garrett gave a brief presentation on the light project and stated that the county's portion of the project was complete and that the DDA should have their part completed by the end of the month.

**A motion was made by Jack Latona, seconded by Robbie Kurland to recommend approval of Item 6 on the Consent Agenda as follows: Final payment in the amount of \$15,750 to Daniel Corson for the Broward Light Project. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Chair Anthony Abbate stated that Gregory Von Hausch will give a brief PowerPoint presentation on the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival FLIFF and how the council can help support them at the next BCC Meeting on April 12, 2007.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that the Grant Panel Review Meeting will be held on April 11, 2007 at the Opera Guild. Jim Shermer announced that the Cultural Tourism Program Panel Review Meeting will be on March 22, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Anthony Abbate encouraged council to become members of the Florida Cultural Alliance. Chair Anthony Abbate stated that the organization is a strong advocate of the arts and provides helpful links for writing legislators.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that Christopher Wren and Bonnie Barnett will receive the 2007 Encore Award for their dedication and hard work on the Broward Light Project. Chair Abbate also asked members to confirm attendance in order to reserve a table.

Director Mary Becht stated that the Challenge Grant Extension was drafted for the County Commission Agenda. Ms. Becht reported that the Arts Advocacy Day in Washington DC was very positive and had a large turnout to restore funding to 1992 budget to arts with tax deductions for artists.

Director Mary Becht announced that the Cultural Diversity Forum will be on March 15, 2007 and the Hollywood Arts Park Dedication Ceremony will be held on March 16, 2007. Ms. Becht stated that the Florida Singing Choir will receive the Moretti Award on May 18, 2007 at Pier 66. Edith Gooden-Thompson also stated that the Riverwalk A & E will also receive an award.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.