

**Minutes
Broward Cultural Council
Executive Committee
Thursday, July 19th, 2007
Main Library, 8th Floor Boardroom
100 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Present: (5th Meeting) Anthony Abbate (p5, a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson, 1st Vice-Chair (p3, a2); Dr. Claire Crawford, Past Chair (p4, a1); Robbie Kurland, Member-at-Large (p5,a0);

Absent: Jack Latona, 2nd Vice-Chair (p4, a1); Richard Simon (p2, a3)

Guest(s): Pamella Dearden, Cultural Executives and Director, Gold Coast Jazz; Judith Carney, Cultural Executives; Joy Satterlee, Cultural Executives and Executive Director, Art & Culture Center of Hollywood; Maureen Kohler, Ex Officio, ArtServe

Staff: Mary Becht, Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grant Administrator; Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Manager, Marketing; Christina Roldan, Project Manager, Aviation; Lisa Lopez, Arts Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Senior Secretary

Chair Anthony Abbate called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Claire Crawford, seconded by Robbie Kurland, to approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2007 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items 2 and 5 were pulled for further discussion. Mary Becht announced that Bonnie Barnett asked council to defer item 5 until the next BCC meeting in September to reconsider selecting Ed Carpenter as the artist on the Fort Lauderdale/ Hollywood International Airport project.

A motion was made by Robbie Kurland, seconded by Edith Gooden-Thompson to approve Items 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 as follows:

Grant panel's recommendations for the Design Arts Program from the July 18, 2007 panel meeting. Funding recommendation for grantee will commence October 2007.

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

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

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 unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 2. **A motion was made by Robbie Kurland, seconded by Edith Gooden-Thompson to approve Item 2 as follows:** *Administrative Code changes for Regional Organization Program, eliminate matching program for Education and Community Development Program and other housekeeping changes. A vote was taken with 3 in favor of, and 1 opposed. The motion passed.*

Christina Roldan gave a presentation on artist Ed Carpenter Artwork Project at the Fort Lauderdale/ Hollywood International Airport. After reviewing the project, the consensus was to not defer item 5. **A motion was made by Claire Crawford, seconded by Edith Gooden Thompson to approve Item 5 as follows:** *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.* **The motion was unanimously approved. Chair Anthony Abbate asked that it be noted that council member and PAD Chair, Bonnie Barnett asked to defer the project.**

Director Mary Becht distributed a proposed Cultural Division 2008 Budget and asked council members to prioritize programs in case the budget is reduced further. Assistant Director Earl Bosworth explained the 2008 budget reductions and stated that so far there are no significant reductions effecting programs this year but may have to re-evaluate next year. Discussion followed.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that the next County Budget Hearing will be on August 21st, 2007 and recommended that council members attend meeting to show support. Chair Anthony Abbate also stated that the last commissioner meeting (Commissioner Ilene Lieberman) will be on August 30th, 2007.

Joy Satterlee spoke on behalf of the Cultural Executives and gave a brief update on their discussions with Broward County Commissioners. Ms. Satterlee added that she would like to collect stories on the impact the cultural community has made on peoples lives and would like to forward them to all the commissioners. Ms. Satterlee recommended wearing similar clothing or a pin or sticker as a show of support at the next budget hearing.

Director Mary Becht announced the ArtSpace Tour on August 25th at 1:30 pm and the Sailboat Bend Pre-Application Day at ArtServe on August 28, 2007. Mary Becht reported budget cuts in various counties in Florida and asked County Attorney Andrea Froome to provide in writing what would happen to the ordinance if the budget is reduced and provide available options.

Director Mary Becht stated that Mindy Shrago asked the Broward Cultural Council to endorse a film produced by the Americans for the Arts to present at Cinema Paradiso. The consensus was that the Broward County Cultural Division endorse the film.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.