

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, March 6th, 2008, 12:00 PM

Governmental Center – Room 430

PRESENT: (3rd Meeting), Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p3, a0); Margaret Armand (p1,a2); Michael Bassichis (p3,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p3,a0); Rose Bechard-Butman (p1,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p1,a2); Dr. Claire Crawford (p3,a0); Arthur Crispino, (p3, a0); Patrick Flynn (p2,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p3,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p3,a0); Estelle Loewenstein (p3,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p3,a0); Amy Ostrau (p3,a0); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p2,a1); Alice Zendel Simon (p1,a0); Richard Simon (p3,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p3,a0); Benjamin Williams (p2,a1);

ABSENT: Anthony Abbate (p1,a2); Teresa Hall (p1,a2)

GUEST(S): Pamella Dearden, Executive Director, Gold Coast Jazz; Nerrissa Street, Artist; Dr. Lucien Armand

STAFF: Earl Bosworth, Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Lisa Lopez, Arts Assistant; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:05 p.m.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that the League of Cities Meeting has been rescheduled for April 3rd, 2008. Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom and Mary Becht will be representing the Broward Cultural Council and therefore will be excused from April's BCC meeting.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson welcomed newly appointed council members Deborah Kerr, Rose Bechard-Butman and Alice Zendel-Simon. Chair Gooden-Thompson announced that Comi Neuberg has resigned from the council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Arthur Crispino, to approve the minutes of the February 7th, 2008 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items A2 and B5 were pulled for discussion.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve items 1, 3, and 4 on the consent agenda as follows:

Additional 30-day extension (total of 60 days) for late submission of FY 2007 certified audited financial statements: Coral Springs Museum of Art (GOP08-2007 and City Theatre, Inc. (ROP02-2007).

Grant Change Request for the Association of Performing Arts of India, Inc. (CDP03-2008) to change artists, FROM: Part (A), Pandit Chitresh Das Kathak Dancer & Jason Samuel Smith Tap Dancer (India Jazz Suites concert) TO: be replaced with a main stage vocal performance with Manjusha Patil and Ramdus Pulsule. To change the Definition of Unit(s) of Service(s) of the unit Part (A) FROM: \$10,000. TO: \$5,000. and to change Part (C): Raja and Radha Reddy dance concert FROM: \$5,000. TO: \$10,000, during the term of this Agreement.

Public Theatre of South Florida, Inc. to extend the term of the current FY 2008 GOP grant agreement (GOP20-2008) into FY2009, with the term to expire March 30, 2009.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 2. Claire Crawford was concerned that ArtServe may receive the same percentage of budget cuts as other grants and questioned whether it should be classified differently. Earl Bosworth stated that ArtServe is a separate item on the budget. Mr. Bosworth added that ArtServe is funded in the general operating grant program but will be listed on the budget as a separate item and reviewed by the Executive Committee. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve Item 2 on the consent agenda as follows:** *ArtServe, Inc. grant application for funding General Operating Program (General Fund) from the February 21, 2008 Executive Committee meeting in the amount \$112,300, for FY 2009.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on Item 5. Several council members recommended a proclamation on the bus stating that the ArtWrap is funded by the Broward County Cultural Division. Earl Bosworth told the council that the ArtWrap may be modified by the artist (due to a security measure with the windows on the bus being covered). **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Estelle Loewenstein to approve Item 5 on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval of artist Wendy Wischer for the RCC Shuttle Fleet ArtWrap Project in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, with artist Wendy Babcox as the alternate (Design Fee for artist \$15,000 and \$160,000 for fabrication, installation and monthly maintenance).* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Pamella Dearden gave a historical overview of Gold Coast Jazz. Ms. Dearden spoke about the various education and outreach programs, upcoming concert events, after school programs and music scholarships.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson reminded council members to sign up for grant evaluations and the budget workshops. Chair Gooden-Thompson suggested that council members visit individual commissioners to advocate for the arts. A lengthy discussion followed on upcoming county and state budget cuts. Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson recommended that the Cultural Division staff prepare an updated "Talking Points" sheet for council members to discuss with commissioners.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson spoke about the Executive Committees' discussion on term limits for council members and suggested a possible rotation of committee chairs next year.

Assistant Director Earl Bosworth stated that the Kathleen Wright Memorial art work will be on the March 25th, 2008 commission agenda. Mr. Bosworth reported that the Long Key Grand Opening will be on March 14, 2008 at 4 pm and the Encore/Moretti Awards Event will be on May 16th, 2008.

Mr. Bosworth announced that artist Cheryl Foster was selected for the Edgar P. Mills Family Success Center Project.

Jim Shermer Theatre League of South Florida had a productive meeting and will report more at the next BCC Meeting.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked for a volunteer to host a farewell party for past BCC members.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.