

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, May 1st, 2008, 12:00 PM

Main Library, 6th Floor, Bienes Ceremonial Room

PRESENT: (5th Meeting), Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p4, a1); Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p5,a0); Anthony Abbate (p3,a2); Margaret Armand (p4,a1); Michael Bassichis (p5,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p5,a0); Rose Bechard-Butman (p2,a1); Dr. Claire Crawford (p4,a1); Arthur Crispino, (p5, a0); Patrick Flynn (p4,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p5,a0); Deborah Kerr (p3,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p5,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p5,a0); Amy Ostrau (p4,a1); Alice Zendel Simon (p3,a0); Richard Simon (p5,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p4,a1); Benjamin Williams (p3,a2);

ABSENT: Rose Marie Cossick (p2,a3); Teresa Hall (p2,a3); Vice-Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom (p2,a2,e1)

GUEST(S): Nikki Myers, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society; Dick Borges, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society; Kevin Hart, Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre; Janet Erlick, Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre; Dorothy Willis, President, Tamarac Theatre; Bill Schmookler, General Manager, Tamarac Theatre; Harumi Abe, Fellowship Winner; Janet Gold, Fellowship Winner; Lou Anne Colodny, Fellowship Winner; Judith Carney, Florida Grand Opera; Christina Oppelt, Broward Center for the Performing Arts; Timothy Weeks, Broward Center for the Performing Arts; Lynn Mandeville, Museum of Art; Roberta Kjdgard, Museum of Art; Jane Sullivan, City of Lauderhill; Barbara Keith, Stranahan House

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director, Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Interim Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Patricia Zeiler, Arts Education Specialist; 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 12:14 p.m.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that Vice Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom will be excused from today's meeting because she is representing the Broward Cultural Council at the Broward League of Cities Meeting.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked the audience if any organizations would like to appeal their GOP grant scoring. Ms. Dorothy Willis, President of the Tamarac Theatre made an appeal to the council. Ms. Willis stated that it was the first time in twenty seven (27) years that the Theatre has received a low score. Ms. Willis said that she was unaware that a DUNS number was necessary, as well as letters of support and recommendations from the community at the time of scoring. Ms. Willis announced that she has since submitted some of the required information. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to pull item 4aa for further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, to approve the minutes of the April 3rd, 2008 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items 2, 8, 9 and 10 were pulled for discussion. Items 3 and 4 were pulled to vote on separately due to several conflicts of interest.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve items 1,5,6,7, and 11 on the consent agenda as follows:

Motion to Cancel July and August Meetings and to Delegate the Broward Cultural Council (BCC) approval authority for Grant, Education, Public Art and Design and Administrative Code matters to the BCC Executive Committee from June 6, 2008 through September 3, 2008. All such actions to be ratified by the BCC at the September 4, 2008 Council meeting.

Grant change for Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre (CGPB01-2005, \$162,500) to extend terms from 9/30/08 to 9/30/09 and add the funding category of Land Acquisition

*Approval of a Grant Change Request for the **Broward Art Guild, Inc.** (GOP06-2008)
From: Scope of Services: CONTRACTOR, Broward Art Guild, Inc., agrees to provide for the operation of a gallery open to the public a minimum of four (4) days a week, provide for workshops and art activities. **To:** Scope of Services: CONTRACTOR, Broward Art Guild, Inc., agrees to provide for the operation of an arts organization, providing for workshops and art activities throughout the year, and provide a minimum of twelve (12) art exhibitions at various locations in Broward County.*

Motion to Recommend approval of a Grant Change Request for Symphony of the Americas, Inc. (GOP27-2008) to change artists for one (1) concert featuring world-class artist Wolfgang David, violin.

Approval of Artist Selection Panel for the following projects: Alternative Energy Powered Artwork for Concourse A, Terminal 1; Floor Design Project for Concourse A, Terminal 1; Moving Walkway Interactive Art Project for Concourse A, Terminal 1.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger asked if the Concert Association is unable (due to financial reasons) to use a local orchestra that is listed on their application, should they still be eligible to receive funding? Commissioner Gunzburger also stated that due to Broward County policies, the Broward Caribbean Carnival cannot hold their function at a Broward County Park as stated on their application. Mary stated that the Cultural Division staff will verify site location.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Claire Crawford to approve item 2 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval to change Broward County Administrative Code for*

Education and Community Development Grants Part II, Ch. 29.16 (g) to add the underlined text as follows: The School Board of Broward County, Florida, or the Broward Education Foundation, Inc., or another agency(ies) recommended by the Broward Cultural Council. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Anthony Abbate to approve items 3a, 3b, 3e, 3f, 3h, 3i, 3k, 3n and 3o, on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Cultural Tourism Program from the March 20, 2008 panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence FY 2009: 3a. Performing Arts Center Authority/BCPA (CTP08A-2009), for \$59,100; 3b. Concert Association of Florida, Inc.(CTP08B-2009), for \$54,700; 3e. The Opera Guild, Inc. (CTP08E-2009) for \$46,300; 3f. Stranahan House, Inc. (CTP08F-2009) for \$17,800; 3h. City of Hollywood (CTP05B-2009) for \$42,900; 3i. Broward County Film Society (CTP03-2009) for \$38,900; 3k. Miami City Ballet (CTP06-2009) for \$35,600; 3n. Symphony of the Americas (CTP09-2009) for \$26,800; 3o. Broward Caribbean Carnival, Inc. (CTP02-2009) for \$23,900.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Bonnie Barnett to approve item 3c on the consent agenda as follows: *3c. Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (CTP08C-2009) for \$21,000.* **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Claire Crawford abstained from voting because she is a board member of Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

A motion was made by, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve item 3d, on the consent agenda as follows: *3d. Museum of Art, Inc. (CTP08D-2009) for \$46,300.* **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a board member of Museum of Art.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve item 3g, on the consent agenda as follows: *3g. Hollywood Art and Culture Center (CTP05A-2009) for \$42,900.* **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a board member of Hollywood Art and Culture Center.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Claire Crawford to approve item 3j on the consent agenda as follows: *3j. Museum of Discovery & Science (CTP07-2009) for \$36,800.* **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Patrick Flynn abstained from voting because he is a staff member of the Museum of Discovery and Science.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Bonnie Barnett to approve item 3l, on the consent agenda as follows: *3l. Young at Art of Broward, Inc. (CTP10-2009) for \$34,800.* **The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 2 abstentions.** Diane Weinbrum, a staff member of Young at Art of Broward and Amy Ostrau, a board member of Young at Art of Broward abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anthony Abbate to approve item 3m on the consent agenda as follows: *3m. ArtServe, Inc. (CTP01-2009) for*

\$24,500. **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Bonnie Barnett abstained from voting because she is a board member of ArtServe.

A motion was made by Robbie Kurland, seconded by Deborah Kerr to approve item 3p on the consent agenda as follows: *3p. City of Lauderhill (CTP04-2009) for \$22,700.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve items 4b, 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4i, 4j, 4k, 4l, 4m, 4n, 4o, 4p, 4q, 4r, 4s, 4t, 4u, 4v, 4w, 4x, 4y, 4z, and 4aa, on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the General Operating Program from the April 9, 2008 panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence FY 2009: 4b. All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc. (GOP01-2009) \$80,000; 4d Florida's Singing Sons, Inc (GOP12-2009) \$78,900; 4e. Symphony of the Americas (GOP26-2009) \$76,400; 4f. Gold Coast Jazz, Inc (GOP15-2009) \$56,700; 4g. Bonnet House, Inc. (GOP06-2009) \$75,400; 4i. Stranahan House, Inc. (GOP25-2009) \$55,100; 4j. Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre, Inc. (GOPI3-2009) \$73,400; 4k. South Florida Jazz, Inc. (GOP23-2009) \$53,200; 4l. Coral Spring Chinese Culture Association, Inc. (GOP08-2009) \$43,000; 4m. Sistrunk Historical Festival, Inc. (GOP20-2009) \$50,500; 4n. South Florida Choral Arts, Inc. (GOP22-2009) \$50,200; 4o. Broward Art Guild, Inc. (GOP07-2009) \$19,000; 4p. Coral Springs Museum of Art, Inc. (GOP09-2009) \$64,400; 4q. Association of Performing Arts of India, Inc. (GOP04-2009) \$12,100; 4r. Bailes Ferrer, Inc. (GOP05-2009) \$39,900; 4s. Stonewall Library & Archives (GOP24-2009) \$28,500; 4t. ARS Flores Symphony Orchestra, Inc. (GOP02-2009) \$36,700; 4u. Curtain Call Playhouse, Inc. (GOP10-2009) \$43,600; 4v. Gold Coast Opera, Inc. (GOP16-2009) \$43,600; 4w. Davie School Foundation, Inc. (GOP11-2009) \$42,400; 4x. Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc. (GOP18-2009) \$35,900; 4y. Inside Out Theatre Company, Inc. (GOP17-2009) \$34,300; 4z. South Florida Ballet Theatre, Inc. (GOP21-2009) \$18,500; 4aa. The Women's Theatre Project, Inc. (GOP28-2009) \$17,400.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Bonnie Barnett to approve item 4a, on the consent agenda as follows: *4a. Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc., (GOP14-2009) \$80,000.* **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Claire Crawford abstained from voting because she is a board member of Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Bonnie Barnett to approve item 4a, on the consent agenda as follows: *4c. Young at Art of Broward, Inc. (GOP29-2009) \$80,000.* **The motion was approved with 16 in favor of and 2 abstentions.** Diane Weinbrum, a staff member of Young at Art of Broward and Amy Ostrau, a board member of Young at Art of Broward abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Deborah Kerr to approve item 4h, on the consent agenda as follows: *4h. Mosaic Theatre, Inc. (GOP19-2009) \$55,900.* **The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 abstention.** Richard Simon abstained from voting because he is a staff member of the Mosaic Theatre.

Discussion followed on item 4bb. Dr. Claire Crawford stated that the Tamarac Theatre's application was not well written and difficult to review. After reviewing, the council decided to keep the original score and to advise applicant to attend the grant application workshops to fully understand

review process. **A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Robbie Kurland to approve item 4bb, on the consent agenda as follows:** *4bb. Tamarac Theatre of the Performing Arts, Inc. (GOP27-2009) \$25,800.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on Item 8. It was clarified that the project would be a permanent art project. **A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to approve item 8 on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval of Artist Selection Panel for Children's Reading Center and Museum Project.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on Item 10. Bonnie Barnett asked if it was a mosaic floor design and stated that it previously determined that all future art projects should be at eye level. Anthony Abbate stated that the committee and the Aviation Department determined the specific location and was unaware of keeping artwork at eye level. **A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to approve item 10 on the consent agenda as follows:** *approval of Janet Kagan to serve as an Arts Professional/Consultant and voting member on three Artist Selection Panels for the Alternative Energy Powered Artwork for Concourse A, Terminal 1, Floor Design Project for Concourse A, Terminal 1, and Moving Walkway Interactive Art Project for Concourse A, Terminal 1 projects for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on Item 12. Mary Becht stated that due to a limited amount of funds available and increasing community needs, a proposal was made to change the Broward County Administrative Code to eliminate multi-year funding to the Cultural Tourism Program. Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked if anyone from the public audience would like to comment. Judith Carney, Managing Director of the Florida Grand Opera stated that cultural organizations need to perform strategic planning and it's a long-term commitment in order to really target cultural tourism. Multi-year grant programs allow them to use this effective planning strategy. Dick Borges of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society stated that the long process of marketing and strategic planning and cannot be done in 12 months and that they are not asking for more funding but do need multi-year funding. Christina Oppelt from the Broward Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA) said that long range planning is very important and the funding really makes an impact on tourism. Timothy Weeks from the BCPA added that money is spent more efficiently. Michael Bassichis recommended keeping the multi-year funding for at least two (2) more years. Anthony Abbate stated it was important for events and festivals to have multi year funding and opposed the proposal. A lengthy discussion followed. Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson stated that the item will be deferred until the next BCC Meeting in June.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Anthony Abbate to defer Item 12 on the consent agenda (*approval of proposed changes to Broward County Administrative Code (Part II, Section 29.16b.) regarding the Cultural Tourism Program to eliminate the multi-year funding option in this program*) **until the next BCC Meeting. The motion was approved with 18 in favor of and 1 opposed.** (Claire Crawford).

South Florida Cultural Consortium winners, Harumi Abe, Lou Anne Colodny and Janet Gold each gave a brief presentation on their work. Director Mary Becht stated that SFCC winner Robert Nathans' artwork will be shown at the June BCC meeting. The artwork will be displayed at the Museum of Art from June to October. The recipients each received an award plaque.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson stated that it is mid-year and some committees have still not submitted reports. Chair Gooden-Thompson reminded council members to meet with commissioners before the Commission Hearings and discuss talking points. Chair Gooden-Thompson stated that Council members need to make a presence at the Commission Hearing and show support.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that the Planning Committee Meeting will be on May 5th at 2 pm, and suggested that new council members sign up for committees.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson stated that the ArtSpace grand opening on April 30, 2008 was a fabulous event and added that it was an eleven (11) year old project.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that the County Cultural Forum will be held at the Tamarac Community Center on May 15, and recommended that council members attend. Chair Gooden-Thompson also stated that the council received a recognition of support plaque from Young at Art.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson suggested an additional BCC Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, to discuss recommendations for the budget. A decision needs to be made on whether council should make across the board cuts, percentage cuts or cut programs. Rose Butman-Bechard stated that she would be out of town for the meeting, but made a recommendation not to cut staff and added that programs cannot work with out staffing and that some programs should be cut to keep staff.

Director Mary Becht announced that Ms. Jody Horne-Leshinsky will be acting as the Cultural Division's Interim Assistant Director. Ms. Becht stated that Earl Bosworth has left the Cultural Division to be the Interim Director for Animal Care.

Director Mary Becht stated that the Public County Budget Workshop will be held on May 27, 2008 to discuss the Cultural and Recreation.

Director Mary Becht reported that a 30-day extension was filed for A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation, Broward County Film Society and the Bailes Ferrer. Ms. Becht added that City Theatre, Sistrunk Festival and Maximum Dance are requesting a waiver for submitting their audits late and will have to be on the Commission Agenda.

Director Mary Becht announced that the Encore/Moretti Luncheon will be held on May 16, 2008. Margi Nothard and the Florida Youth Orchestra will be the recipients of the Moretti Award. Ms. Becht also stated that the Bonnet House received a proclamation from Broward County presented by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger.

Director Mary Becht reported that the VisionBROWARD Ideas Exchange will be held on May 8 – 10, 2008. Ms. Becht also stated that the Kathleen Wright Memorial partnership with the Broward County School Board was approved by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on April 29th, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.