

**MINUTES
BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
Wednesday, June 5th, 2008, 12:00 PM
Governmental Center, Room 430**

PRESENT: (7th Meeting), Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p6, a1); Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p7,a0); Anthony Abbate (p5,a2); Margaret Armand (p6,a1); Bonnie Barnett (p7,a0); Rose Bechard-Butman (p4,a1); Rose Marie Cossick (p4,a3); Arthur Crispino, (p7, a0); Patrick Flynn (p6,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p7,a0); Deborah Kerr (p5,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p6,a1); Anna Toms McDaniel (p7,a0); Amy Ostrau (p6,a1); Vice-Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom (p4,a2,e1) Alice Zendel Simon (p5,a0); Benjamin Williams (p4,a3)

ABSENT: Michael Bassichis (p6,a1); Dr. Claire Crawford (p6,a1); Richard Simon (p5,a2); Diane Weinbrum (p4,a3);

GUESTS: Irvin Lippman, President and Executive Director, Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director, Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Interim Assistant Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Grace Kewl Durfey, Public Art and Design Project Manager; 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.

A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniels to approve the minutes of the BCC Meeting of May 1st, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anthony Abbate to approve the minutes of the BCC Committee Meeting of May 14th, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger pulled Consent Agenda Addendum Item 8 for discussion. Director Mary Becht pulled Consent Agenda Addendum Item 7 and stated that it should be removed from the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anna Toms McDaniels to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the Brazilian Voices, Inc. (CDP04-2008), to change From: Part (B), one (1) mainstage educational vocal music ensemble seminar and performance: Brazil to the World, to be presented for a minimum of one (1) hour, all presented at either the Broward Center for the Performing Arts,....To: Part (B) one (1) vocal music ensemble concert performance to be presented for a minimum of one (1) hour at either the Broward Center for the Performing Arts....

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. Multi-year commitments awarded during the grant panel meeting of 3/20/08 will be honored for the remaining term of their grant applications.

Approval of a request by Ancestral Legacies, Inc., (ECD02-2007) regarding request for a second 30-day extension for submission of the FY07 certified audited financial statements.

Approval of final payment to artist Alice Aycock in the amount of \$25,000 for the Central Broward Regional Park Project, pending Contract Administrator's verification of construction Inspection, educational outreach, and receipt of all required documentation.

Approval of three educational outreach videos for project documentation during the installation of Alice Aycock, Lorna Jordan and Allison Sky artworks in the amount of \$2,000 each for to be paid to Image Alliance Production Company, contingent upon staff development of a marketing plan.

Approval of Public Art and Design (PAD) Annual Plan for FY09.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that that Museum of Art has entered a legal agreement to merge with Nova Southeastern University, effective on July 1, 2008. A change to the grant guidelines is needed to pay for current and FY09 grant reimbursements and for Public Art and Design Services. Discussion followed. Director Mary Becht suggested that the Museum of Art (MOA) Division submit a separate annual financial report. Irvin Lippman, President and Executive Director of the MOA, stated that the MOA Division will have their own separate accounting and funds from endowments, donations, County and State funding will remain separate from Nova University. Mr. Lippman added that the MOA has partnered with Nova Southeastern University in various capacities for several years now. **A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Anthony Abbate, to approve Item 7 on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval that the grant eligibility criteria in the County's Administration Code be amended as: An American Association of Museum (AAM) accredited museum part of a not-for-profit university in Broward County be eligible to apply for MCI, CTP and ECD Cultural Division grant and that a special audited report to be required fore the Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale Nova Southeastern Division.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on Item 8. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anthony Abbate, to approve Item 8 on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval contingent on PAD Committee approval on June 11, 2008, amendment of the Agreement with artist Alison Sky for the Miramar Town Center ArtsPark in the amount of \$19,970.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Estelle Loewenstein reported on the Planning Committee Meeting and stated that the council's goals remained in most part, the same and that some mid-year reports were disappointing. Several reports had no progress or were not on target and several reports were missing. Ms. Loewenstein suggested that more effort was needed for future reports.

Ms. Loewenstein announced that several applications for the RLI 2020 Plan were received and the deadline for the RLI 2020 plan has been extended until June 18th, 2008. Commissioner Sue Gunzburger told council members that level one and level two cuts will be made to the County Budget cuts and possibly some level 3 as well. Commissioner Gunzburger also stated that next year will be worse. A lengthy discussion followed.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson read a brief biography on artist Robert Nathans, SFCC winner and his artwork was shown to the council.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson reminded council that the June 17th will be the Final Budget Workshop and the last time to advocate for the arts.

Director Mary Becht announced that the Executive Committee will be looking at proposed budget cuts and recommend possible change to the budget. Ms. Becht invited all council members to attend. Ms. Becht stated that the capital budget for public art could be also be affected by the county budget cuts and could result in a reduction of projects in upcoming years. Ms. Becht stated that ordinances will have to be revised if budget cuts take place. A copy of recommended changes or cuts following the June 17th budget workshop will be sent out to council members to review and comment.

Chair Gooden-Thompson reminded council that the BCC meetings will be postponed for July and August, 2008 and invited council to attend BCC Executive Meetings. Ms. Gooden-Thompson recommended reschedule the next BCC Executive meeting, June 12th, for June 26th, 2008, after Budget Forum, to discuss the changes. Ms. Gooden-Thompson also announced that the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University "Fundraising for Small Non-Profits" will be held at ArtServe on June 5 and 6th, 2008.

Director Mary Becht announced that Teresa Hall will no longer serve on the BCC Council due to her newly appointed position as Interim Principle at Western High School.

Ms. Becht stated that the Florida House of Representatives voted on Art in State Buildings with only two affirmative votes from the Broward delegation. Ms. Becht recommended that council members educate House Representative Members on the issue.

Ms. Becht gave an update on the VisionBROWARD 2008 Ideas Exchange Event and stated that it was attended by 4,000 people. Ms. Becht also reported that the following will be on the Commission Agenda for June 10th, 2008: the Bonnet House for MCI designation, City Theatre, late audit waiver and the Semi-Annual Grant Report. Ms. Becht also gave an update on the May 27th Budget Workshop.

Estelle Loewenstein reported that the Emerging Leaders Program received over twenty-one (21) applicants and that due to the number of applicants, more time was needed to review applications. Ms. Loewenstein stated that she will announce the participants as soon as the committee is able to review each application.

A Motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to re-open consent agenda Item 2 for discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Anthony Abbate reminded council that at the last BCC Meeting there were opposers to Item 2, “*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,*” discussion followed. The consensus was to pass the motion due to next years’ budget forecast. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anthony Abbate, to close discussion Item 2. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson reminded council members to take their copy of the new 2008 BCC Handbook on CD.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.