

MINUTES
BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
Thursday, October 2nd, 2008, 11:45 AM
Main Library, Bienes Ceremonial Room, 6th Floor

PRESENT: (9th Meeting), Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p8, a1); Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p9,a0); Margaret Armand (p8,a1); Anthony Abbate (p6,a3); Bonnie Barnett (p9,a0); Michael Bassichis (p8,a1); Rose Marie Cossick (p6,a3); Arthur Crispino, (p9, a0); Patrick Flynn (p8,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p9,a0); Deborah Kerr (p7,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p8,a1); Anna Toms McDaniel (p9,a0); Amy Ostrau (p8,a1); Vice-Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom (p6,a2,e1); Alice Zendel Simon (p7,a0); Richard Simon (p7,a2); Diane Weinbrum (p6,a3); Benjamin Williams (p6,a3)

ABSENT: Rose Bechard-Butman (p5,a2); Dr. Claire Crawford (p7,a3)

GUESTS: Emerging Cultural Leaders: Barbara Barber, Scott Sherven, Tonya Evans, Charlotte Sundquist and Stanley Zamor

STAFF: Mary Becht, 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 11:58 a.m.

Edith Gooden Thompson opened the meeting with the memorandum from the county attorney regarding the 2010 sunset provision for the ordinance related to Cultural Tourism grant funding. Discussion followed on the Tourist Tax Grant Program. Commissioner Sue Gunzburger stated that she would sponsor the ordinance but felt that due to the current economy, the Tourist Tax proposal may not be approved and strongly recommended that each council member meet with their Broward County Commissioner to discuss the tourism value of supporting culture in Broward County.

A motion was made by Patrick Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to table Addendum Item 7, the removal of the sunset provision and continuation of Ordinance Nos. 88-69 and 90-38, scheduled to expire October 1st 2010 and to change the wording to remove the cap of \$600,000 until the November BCC Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant County Attorney Andrea Froome was requested to draft the ordinance revision language prior to the next meeting.

Director Mary Becht asked council members to advise of proposed meeting dates with Commissioners and other council members in order to place Sunshine notice.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to approve the minutes of the BCC Meeting of September 4th, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Shermer introduced Melissa Hunter, Part-Time Grants Assistant.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson introduced and welcomed five Emerging Cultural Leaders participants: Barbara Barber, Scott Sherven, Charlotte Sundquist, Tonya Evans and Stanley Zamora and stated which committees they will be serving on. Edith Gooden-Thompson stated that will also participate with grant evaluations.

Deborah Kerr invited all the Emerging Cultural Leaders to attend the upcoming Jonathan Green Event.

A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval for Teresa Hall to serve on Cultural Diversity Program panel (community representative) and to be eligible to serve in the pool of grant panelists for all grant programs.

Approval of waiver of the Major Cultural Institution designation June 1 submittal deadline for Nova Southeastern University, Inc., on behalf of its Museum of Art Division for FY2010.

Approval for project change for artist Carol Moore (ECD-10-2009) from Starting Place to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, FL.

Approval of Mauricio Ferrer to be added to the Duane Hanson Allied Artist Pool.

Approval of redesign of the Joint Convention Center/Port Everglades Gateway Project by artist Larry Kirkland to commission individual interior artworks for the Port and Convention Center in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 per Agency.

Approval of Second Amendment to Agreement between Broward County and McMonte, Inc. for Artistic Services of Ed McGowin and Claudia Demonte for the Fire Rescue Facilities Project to increase the budget in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson advised that Mr. Al Tucker would not be presenting the Bobby Jones Gospel Hall of Fame Project until the November meeting due to a conflict with today's CVB marketing event.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson encouraged council members to review the 2009 BCC and BCC Executive Committee Meeting Schedule and advise if any religious conflict before the meeting schedule is finalized. Chair Gooden-Thompson appointed the Nominating Committee: Anna Toms McDaniel as chair and Anthony Abbate and Deborah Kerr as members.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked Committee Chairs to submit their annual meeting schedule so Emerging Leaders participants can attend meetings and for Sunshine advertisements.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson reminded council members to sign up for a minimum of four Grant Evaluations that are posted on the wall.

Chair Gooden-Thompson recommended that council members who attend meetings via conference phone should advise when leaving the phone conference so equipment can be turned off.

Anthony Abbate stated that while he attended a conference in Brisbane Australia, he visited Gold Coast Australia and met with Councillor Grant Pforr, and Virginia Rigney, the Director of the Museum of Art. Mr. Abbate commented on how Gold Coast shares a common cultural and economic history similar to South Florida and creates a cultural tie to South Florida. Many of their architectural styles were originally inspired from South Florida in the 1940's and 1950's. Mr. Abbate believes that there are opportunities to work together on joint cultural exhibits. Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson suggested sharing with the Global Arts and Culture Committee, and the committee chair, Estelle Lowenstein, agreed.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked committee members to fill some of the vacant committee chair positions. Several members volunteered: Arts Education: Amy Ostrau, Chair and Michael Bassichis, Vice-Chair; Cultural Diversity: Margaret Armand, Chair and Rose Bechard Butman, Vice Chair; Public Relations: Deborah Kerr, Vice Chair; Protocol and Events: Rose Marie Cossick, Chair and Miramar ArtsPark Liaison: Michael Bassichis; Pembroke Pines ArtsPark Liaison: Richard Simon.

Director Mary Becht announced that Earl Bosworth has returned to the Cultural Division as Assistant to the Director. Ms. Becht thanked Jody Leshinsky for serving as Interim Assistant Director.

Director Mary Becht stated that at the County Budget Hearing the budget was passed and the budget was cut by 14% this year, due to decline in sales tax revenue. A total of \$1.5 million has been cut over the past two years.

Director Mary Becht reminded council members that the Jonathan Green Event will be held from October 17 to October 21, 2008 and encouraged members to attend at least one event. Ms. Becht added that Arts Teacher of the Year Event was a wonderful evening with a good turnout. Ms. Becht also stated that the grants are up for review and reminded council to submit their evaluations for any grant funded project they attended in 2008.

Director Mary Becht announced that there are two new officers for the Cultural Foundation. Roberta Young will be serving as President and Jane Katterhenry will be the Treasurer. Ms. Becht also stated that the next BCC Meeting and Planning Committee Meeting will be held at Hagan Park in the City of Wilton Manors and will start at 10:30 am. Council members are required to attend both the regular meeting and the planning meeting.

Director Mary Becht advised that additional panelists are needed for the Mini-Grant program. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to**

*approve Emerging Cultural Leaders participants Tonya Evans and Stanley Zamor to serve as Mini Grant panelists. **The motion was unanimously approved.***

Director Mary Becht announced that Anna Toms McDaniel will be leaving the Cultural Council and moving to Washington D.C. Ms. Becht thanked Anna Toms McDaniel for her fifty years of dedication to the Arts and for all that she has contributed to the Broward County community.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.