

MINUTES
BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
Thursday, December 4, 2008 12:00 PM
Governmental Center, Room 430

PRESENT: (11th Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p10,a1); Anthony Abbate (p8,a3); Margaret Armand (p9,a2); Bonnie Barnett (p11,a0); Michael Bassichis (p10,a1); Rose Bechard-Butman (p7,a2); Rose Marie Cossick (p8,a3); Dr. Claire Crawford (p8,a3); Arthur Crispino (p11,a0); Patrick Flynn (p10,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p11,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p10,a1); Amy Ostrau (p10,a1); Vice-Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom (p8,a2,e1); Alice Zendel Simon (p9,a0); Richard Simon (p9,a2); Diane Weinbrum (p8,a3); Benjamin Williams (p8,a3)

ABSENT: Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p10,a1); Deborah Kerr (p8,a1)

GUESTS: Darby Hayes, Project Director, Innovations in Community Theatre and the Arts Project; Janet Erlick, Chair, Cultural Executives Committee; Laura Aker and Evelyn Hale, Emerging Cultural Leaders

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Earl Bosworth, Assistant to the Director; Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Marketing Director; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Christina Roldan, Public Art and Design Project 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 12:22 p.m.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson welcomed and introduced emerging cultural leaders Laura Akers and Evelyn Hale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Richard Simon to approve the minutes of: October 2, 2008 BCC meeting, November 6, 2008 BCC meeting and November 6, 2008 Annual Planning Forum. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve Items 1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of final payment to artists Suzanne Scherer and Pavel Ouporov in the amount of \$3,000 for the purchase of artwork entitled "Tree Rain", for the Lee Wagener Gallery located in Terminal 2, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Approval of a roster of artists for the Lee Wagener Gallery located in Terminal 2, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The artists selected for the roster include: Katherine K. Allen; Nancy Deutscher; Michele Guarino; Jeremiah Jenner; Asser Saint-Val. Exhibitions will be scheduled for rotation every four months.

Approval of Kevin Kichar as the Duane Hanson Allied Artist for the Entry Vestibules Project at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in an amount up to \$5,000.

Approval of second amendment to the agreement between Broward County and artist Pam Beyette for the Entry Vestibules Project at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport to increase the total compensation from \$33,000 to \$38,000 for the Allied Artist.

Approval of final payment to All Digital Printing in the amount of \$41,883 for the buswrap project Parallel designed by artist Wendy Wischer.

Approval of Henning Haupt and Philippe D'Anjou to be added to the pool of Artist Selection Panelists.

Approval of the direct purchase of artworks entitled Black and White Warbler, Robin Red Breast, and Woodpecker, from artist Robert Nathans at a cost of \$6,500 each.

Approval of final completion inspection by Alison Sky LLC in the amount of \$46,985 for the Miramar Town Center ArtsPark Project, contingent upon confirmation of Final Completion Inspection by Contract Administrator.

Approve waiver (extension) from the Old Davie School Historical Museum, Inc., for late submission of the Project Report (Exhibit B) with the grant project (GOP10-2008). The contract administrator extension expired on November 15, 2008.

Approve resolution to create the Broward Artists Hall of Fame.

Approval of additional thirty-day (30) extension (total of 60 days) for submission of annual audit FY 2008 for the Museum of Art, Inc. (MCI03-2008).

Approval of additional thirty-day (30) extension (total 60-day) for submission of annual audit FY2008 for the Ballet Gamonet, Inc. (ROP05-2008).

Approval of additional thirty-day (30) extension (total 60-day) for submission of annual audit FY 2008 for the Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra, Inc. (GOP02-2008).

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Richard Simon to approve the 2009 Slate of officers: Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair; Estelle Loewenstein, 1st Vice Chair; Arthur Crispino, 2nd Vice Chair; Rose Marie Cossick, Member-at-Large; Amy Ostrau, Member-at-Large. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson gave an update on individual meetings held with County Commissioners to discuss the status of the Sunset Provision. Chair Gooden-Thompson stated that she would like to meet with Nicki Grossman prior to the meeting scheduled for (tentative) January 29th, 2009. Commissioner Sue Gunzburger stated that Nicki Grossman has requested to meet with the BCC and County Commissioners prior to adding Sunset Provision to the Broward County Commissioners Agenda. Commissioner Gunzburger agreed to postpone adding the

Sunset Provision to the agenda until the joint meeting between the TDC, BCC and the County Commissioners could take place. If the joint meeting could not be scheduled before March 1st, 2009, the Sunset Provision will be placed on the Broward County Commissioner's Agenda for early March 2009. Anthony Abbate suggested that all meeting requests with Nicki Grossman should also be sent to the TDC Chair, Mayor Stacy Ritter. Discussion followed.

Director Mary Becht stated that three cities have applied for funding from the Design Arts Program although the program no longer has funding available.

Discussion followed on the cancellation of the 2008 Carbonell Awards. Chair Edith Gooden Thompson stated that a letter was drafted to persuade them not to cancel the 2008 Carbonell Awards. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to write a letter addressing the cancellation of the Carbonell Awards. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Darby Hayes, Project Director, Innovations in Community Theatre and the Arts Project gave a presentation on the Cultural Enrichment Project. Ms. Hayes demonstrated three learning Arts-Train Programs: the power of playback, power of the mask and the Mandela's of poetry.

Commissioner Sue Gunzburger announced Mark Nerenhausen resignation from the Broward Center for Performing Arts. Discussion followed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Richard Simon to write a letter congratulating Mark Nerenhausen and to thank him for all his hard work and dedication at the Broward Center for Performing Arts. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that the Miramar ArtsPark's soft opening will be held on December 6th, 2008. Chair Gooden Thompson also reminded council members to sign up for 2009 Grant Evaluations.

Chair Gooden Thompson announced that Janet Erlick will chair the Cultural Executives Committee and thanked Richard Simon for his hard work, time and dedication to the BCC council and as past chair of the Cultural Executives Committee.

Director Mary Becht informed council of the State Legislative update on cultural facilities and historic preservation recommendations. Ms. Becht announced the reorganization of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners with Stacy Ritter as Mayor and Ken Keechl, Vice Mayor.

Director Mary Becht announced that the 2009 Broward Cultural Council December meeting date has been revised to not conflict with Art Basel next year.

The meeting was adjourned 1:17 pm.