

MINUTES
BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL
Thursday, April 2nd, 2009 12:00 PM
Bienes Ceremonial Room, Main Library – 6th Floor

PRESENT: (4th Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p3,a1); Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p4,a0); Anthony Abbate (p4,a0); Margaret Armand (p4,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p4,a0); Rose Marie Cossick (p4,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p4,a0); Arthur Crispino (p4,a0); Janet Erlick (p4, a0); Patrick Flynn (p3,a1); Robin Gart (p2, a0); Deborah Kerr (p3,a1); Roslyn Kurland (p4,a0); Amy Ostrau (p3,a1); Vice-Mayor Charlotte Rodstrom (p4,a0); Alice Zendel Simon (p4,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p3,a1); Benjamin Williams (p4,a0)

ABSENT: Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p3,a1); Michael Bassichis (p3,a1)

GUEST(S): Lynda DeChane, Artistic Director, South Florida Ballet Theatre; Evelyn Hale, Cultural Emerging Leaders

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Earl Bosworth, Assistant to the Director; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary

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

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked for a moment of silence for Russell Gardener, Advisory Board Member and loyal supporter of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society (FLHS). He served as president of the FLHS for many years; the longest term served by any president.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that she was reappointed by Commissioner Eggelletion.

A motion was made by Bonnie Barnett, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick to approve the minutes of March 5th, 2009 Broward Cultural Council meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda Items 2, 4, and 14 were pulled for discussion. Director Mary Becht pulled Item 8 to defer.

A motion was made by Rose Marie Cossick, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve Items 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval to cancel July and August meetings and to delegate Broward Cultural Council (BCC) approval authority for Grant, Education, Public Art and Design and Administrative Code matters to the BCC Executive Committee from June 5, 2009 through September 2, 2009. All such actions to be ratified by the BCC at the September 3, 2009 Council meeting.

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Mini-Grant Program (cycle II) from the March 10, 2009 Panel meeting, Funding recommendations for grantees will commence May 1, 2009.

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the South Florida Ballet Theatre, Inc. (GOP21-2009). To change the production described in Part (B) From: Rodeo To: A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Approval of a waiver (extension) from the All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc., (GOP01-2008) for late submission of the Project Report.

Approve an extension of twelve (12) months, from September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2010 for the City of Lauderhill, FL (CTP04-2009). (An amendment, to the current agreement, to extend the term of the FY 2009 Cultural Tourism Program project; Flavor Fest- two day festival to take place in the new Central Broward Regional Park, from the City of Lauderhill into the next fiscal year FY 2010).

Approval of Francesca LaLanne, Virginia Fifield, and Edouard Duval Carrié, Celestin Joseph and Jonathan Stein to be added to the pool of Artist Selection Panelists.

Approval of the direct purchase of artwork entitled Hooded Oriole from artist Robert Nathans at a cost of \$7,100.

Approval of up to \$5,000 for a barrier system to protect artworks by Dorothy Gillespie and Miles Batt which are located at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport Terminal 3, Departure Level.

Approval of Artist Selection Panel for the Lauderdale Lakes Neighborhood Library Project.

Approval of the design proposal for a minimum of three (3) sculptures by artist Cheryl Foster for the Edgar P. Mills Family Success Center Project, pending approval of PAD Committee member Bob Dugan reviewing final budget, engineering plan and incorporation of the image of Edgar P. Mills.

Approval of additional 2020 Community Cultural Plan Steering Committee and Task Forces members.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 2. Claire Crawford stated that council members need to volunteer to serve on more grant panels since it is their responsibility. **A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Bonnie Barnett to approve Item 2 on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval to increase the number of community representatives from: up to two (2) members, to: allow up to three (3) community representatives (policy 02-4 handbook) Grant review panel for review of the Major Cultural Institution the Regional Organization Program, and the General Operating Program, and Mini-Grant Program, to include up to three members from the community. **The motion was approved with 1 opposition.***

Item 4 was voted on separately due to several voting conflicts. **A motion was made by Deborah Kerr, seconded by Diane Weinbrum to approve Item 4, page 8, number # 1-19 (excluding #3) on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Education and Community Development Program from the February 18, 2009 Panel meeting for FY 2010. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence October 1, 2009. **The motion was unanimously approved.***

A motion was made by Deborah Kerr, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve Item 4, page 8, number #3 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Education and Community Development Program from the February 18, 2009 Panel meeting for FY 2010 for Nova Southeastern University. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence October 1,*

2009. **The motion was approved with one abstention.** Bonnie Barnett abstained; she is a Board Member of the Museum of Art.

A motion was made by Deborah Kerr, seconded by Diane Weinbrum to approve Item 4, page 9, number 1-3 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Education and Community Development Program from the February 18, 2009 Panel meeting for FY 2010. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence October 1, 2009.* **The motion was approved with one abstention.** Robin Gart abstained; she is an employee of Broward County School Board.

Director Mary Becht explained the proposed educational outreach project on Item 14. A lengthy discussion followed. **A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Estelle Loewenstein to approve Item 14 on the consent agenda as follows:** *Approval of a package of items including: video documentation, framing of presentation drawing for public display, and educational materials for the Port Everglades T18 Terrazzo Floor Project in an amount up to \$10,000, contingent upon PAD Committee review of the budget.* **A vote was taken. Three (3) approved, fifteen (15) disapproved. The motion failed.**

A motion was made by Benjamin Williams, seconded by Margaret Armand to reconsider Item 14 when more information is received and bring back to the May 7, 2009 BCC Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Mary Becht stated that there is only one budget meeting this year on April 21, 2009 at 10 am and council members may attend. Ms. Becht explained that the recommendation for the 2010 budget was a 30% reduction and there is a proposal under consideration to merge the Cultural with the Library Division. Earl Bosworth gave a detailed report on the background and the proposed cuts to the Cultural Division budget which may include cutting up to four (4) staff positions. A lengthy discussion followed. Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson recommended discussing the budget further at the BCC Executive meeting on April 16, 2009 and review line by line expenditures for the whole division. Chair Gooden-Thompson advised that all council members are welcome to attend and will receive the agenda for April 16, 2009.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced that the Cultural Division has applied for a National Endowment for the Arts Stimulus Package Grant and if awarded, could help save some of the staff positions.

Vice Chair Estelle Loewenstein gave an update on the Hollywood ArtsPark and reported that the vacant Cultural Director position at the Hollywood ArtsPark will not be filled. Vice Chair Loewenstein stated Margi Nothard was hired as a consultant for the Amphitheatre but the 3rd phase of the Black Box Theatre Project has run out of funding and the project has been postponed.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson announced the Cultural Foundation Liaison volunteer issue has been resolved. Chair Gooden-Thompson also stated that the Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre has a new location at the Galleria Mall.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson reminded council that the County Budget Workshop for the Cultural Division will be on April 21, 2009 at 10 am. Ms. Gooden-Thompson also announced that the General Operating Program Panel Review Meeting will be on April 7, 2009 at 3 pm.

Director Mary Becht stated that the Cultural Division has received a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grant for \$30,000 for Public Art to have an exhibition at the Coral Springs Museum of Art or Miramar ArtsPark. Another NEA Grant was submitted for Technical Assistant and should receive a notice in June 2009.

Director Mary Becht announced that a letter was sent to the City of Plantation regarding the Challenge Grant Request being denied. Ms. Becht also announced that President Obama has appointed Kareem Dale as a point person for the Arts in the White House.

The meeting was adjourned 1:28 pm.