

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, May 7th, 2009 12:00 PM

Bienes Ceremonial Room, Main Library – 6th Floor

PRESENT: (5th Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p4,a1); Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p5,a0); Anthony Abbate (p5,a0); Margaret Armand (p5,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p5,a0); Michael Bassichis (p4,a1) Rose Marie Cossick (p5,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p5,a0); Arthur Crispino (p5,a0); Janet Erlick (p5, a0); Patrick Flynn (p4,a1); Robin Gart (p3, a0); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p4,a1); Linda Houston Jones (p1, a0); Deborah Kerr (p4,a1); Amy Ostrau (p4,a1); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p5,a0); Diane Weinbrum (p3,a1); Benjamin Williams (p5,a0)

ABSENT: Roslyn Kurland (p4,a1); Alice Zendel Simon (p4,a1);

GUEST(S): Michelle Heethawakage, Participant in the Cultural Emerging Leaders Program

STAFF: Earl Bosworth, Assistant to the Director; Andrea Froome, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Claire Garrett, Consultant, Public Art and Design; Ken Kahn, Administrator, Public Art and Design; Grace Kewl, Public Art and Design; 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 12:07 pm.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked for a moment of silence for Gerry Gunzburger and David Shermer, Jim Shermer's father, who passed away this week.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson welcomed newly appointed council member Linda Houston Jones was appointed by Commissioner Kristin Jacobs on April 14th, 2009 and introduced Ken Kahn, temporary new Public Art and Design Administrator.

A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Deborah Kerr to approve the minutes of April 2nd, 2009 Broward Cultural Council meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson gave an update on the budget recommendation discussion at the BCC Executive Meeting on April 16th, 2009. Discussion followed. **A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve Item 1 on the consent Agenda as follows: the recommendation of the BCC Executive Committee to prioritize the grant programs, should there be a 30% reduction in the budget. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Consent Agenda Items 4a, 4b, 4h, 4i, 4l, 5e, 5k, 5l, 5s, 5cc, and 6 were pulled for either discussion or a voting conflict.

A motion was made by Estelle Loewenstein, seconded by Deborah Kerr to approve Items 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4j, and 4k on the consent Agenda as follows: CTP03-2010- The Broward County Film Society, Inc., \$59,400; CTP04-2010- Hollywood Art and Culture Center, Inc., \$20,300; CTP05-2010-Miami City

Ballet, Inc., \$59,400; CTP06-2010- Museum of Discovery & Science, Inc., \$59,400; CTP07A-2010- Performing Arts Center Authority, \$59,400; CTP07D-2010-Opera Guild, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, \$50,200; CTP08-2010-Symphony of the Americas, Inc., \$59,400.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Deborah Kerr to approve Item 4a on the Consent Agenda as follows: *CTP01-2010-ArtServe, Inc., \$45,700.* **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Bonnie Barnett is a board member of ArtServe.

Discussion followed on item 4b, the Broward Caribbean Carnival. Commissioner Sue Gunzburger stated that the organization never paid Broward County the fees for their event. Jim Shermer said he was aware that they still owed Broward County money and were seeking a variance resolution. Mr. Shermer added that he could hold grant contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anthony Abbate to table Item 4b until Broward County fees are paid in full. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Estelle Loewenstein to approve Item 4h on the Consent Agenda as follows: *CTP07B-2010- Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc., \$19,200.* **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Claire Crawford is a board member of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

A motion was made by Estelle Loewenstein, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve item 4i on the Consent Agenda as follows: *CTP07C-2010-Nova Southeastern University, Inc. on behalf of its Museum of Art Division, \$59,400.* **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Bonnie Barnett is a board member of Nova Southeastern University Inc. Museum of Art Division.

A motion was made by Estelle Loewenstein, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve item 4l. on the Consent Agenda as follows: *CTP09-2010-Young At Art of Broward, Inc., \$59,400.* **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Amy Ostrau is a board member of Young at Art of Broward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve items 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5m, 5n, 5o, 5p, 5q, 5r, 5t, 5u, 5v, 5w, 5x, 5y, 5z, 5aa, and 5bb on the Consent Agenda as follows: *GOP01-2010-All Florida Youth Orchestra, Inc., \$63,500; GOP02-2010- ARS Flores Symphony Orchestra, \$24,800; GOP04-2010-Association of Performing Arts of India, Inc., \$16,100; GOP04-2010- Association of Performing Arts of India, Inc., \$16,100; GOP05-2010-Bailes Ferrer, Inc., \$28,300; GOP07-2010- Coral Springs Chinese Cultural Association, Inc., \$38,600; GOP08-2010- Coral Springs Museum of Art, Inc., \$56,500; GOP09-2010- Curtain Call Playhouse, Inc., \$35,800; GOP10-2010- Davie School Foundation, Inc., \$45,700; GOP11-2010- Florida's Singing Sons, Inc., \$64,600; GOP14-2010-The Gold Coast Jazz Society, Inc., \$ 50,400; GOP15-2010-Gold Coast Opera, Inc., \$29,900; GOP16-2010-Inside Out Theatre Company, \$27,200; GOP17-2010-Jubilee Dance Theatre, Inc., \$12,400; GOP18-2010-Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc., \$41,800; GOP19-2010-Mosaic Theatre, Inc., \$49,100; GOP21-2010-Sistrunk Historical Festival, Inc., \$31,300; GOP22-2010-South Florida Choral Arts, Inc.,\$39,100; GOP23-2010-South Florida Jazz, Inc., \$49,800; GOP24-2010-South Florida Musical Guild, Inc. (aka The Flamingo Freedom Band), \$13,000; GOP25-2010-Stonewall Library and Archives, Inc., \$43,700; GOP26-2010-Stranahan House, Inc., \$41,500; GOP27-2010-Symphony of the Americas, Inc., \$60,000; GOP28-2010-Tamarac Theatre of the Performing Arts, Inc.,*

\$27,200; *GOP29-2010-The Women's Theatre Project, Inc.*, \$18,500. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Anthony Abbate to approve Item 5e on the Consent Agenda as follows: *GOP06-2010-Broward Art Guild, Inc.*, \$18,100. **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Robin Gart is a board member of the Broward Art Guild.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve Item 5k. on the Consent Agenda as follows: *GOP12-2010-Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, Inc.*, \$72,000. **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Janet Erlick is the Executive Artistic Director of The Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom to approve Item 5l. on the Consent Agenda as follows: *GOP13-2010 - Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc.*, \$60,300. **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Claire Crawford is a board member of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Arthur Crispino to approve Item 5s. on the Consent Agenda as follows: *GOP20-2010-Old Dillard Foundation, Inc.*, \$14,300. **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Benjamin Williams is a board member of the Old Dillard Foundation, Inc.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom to approve Item 5cc on the Consent Agenda as follows: *GOP30-2010-Young At Art of Broward, Inc.*, \$77,600. **The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.** Amy Ostrau is a board member of the Young at Art of Broward, Inc.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom to approve Item 6 on the Consent Agenda as follows: *Approval of the Mini-Grant Program Panel Review meeting on June 18, 2008. Funding recommendation for projects MGP36-2008 – MGP39-2008 commenced on August 1, 2008 and concluded on September 30, 2008. Recommendation for projects MGP01-2009 – MGP08-2009 commenced on October 1, 2008 and will conclude on September 30, 2009.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve Items 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 on the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of the ArtServe, Inc. grant application for funding General Operating Program in the amount \$99,500 for FY 2010.

Approval of a request for DELEGATION by Wil Trower, Executive Director of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (regarding request for a waiver of deadline for submission of the FY2008 certified audited financial statements to the Board of County Commissioners.

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the Inside Out Theatre Company, Inc. (GOP17-2009). Scope of Services: Change From: Part (D), two (2) equity actor mainstage theatre productions with a minimum of two (2) performances for each theatrical production presented at the Museum of Art Auditorium. Change

To: Part (D), one (1) mainstage professional theatre production with a minimum of two (2) performances for the theatrical production (Jeffrey Solomon's "Mother/Son") presented at the Museum of Art Auditorium in collaboration with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and the remaining under-utilized \$5,000 will be returned to the County.

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the City of Lauderhill, FL (DAP02-2009) in the consortium with the Performing Arts Center Authority (DAP03-2009)(City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida) and City of Lauderdale Lakes, FL (DAP01-2009) to change the composition of the Design team, the professional cultural planning team. Change From: The Delray Beach Institute, Inc. (Jeff Perlman, Noah Davis, Blake Mac Diarmid, Rebecca Shelton), artists; George Gadson and Beth Ravitz, and, Coletta and Company to provide project and report writing oversight, with the City of Lauderhill, Florida (GRANTEE). To ensure that the scope of services is fulfilled, the Delray Beach Institute, Inc., and Coletta and Company will provide organizational administrative oversight framework for coordinating with the GRANTEE and between the collaborating municipalities. Change To: Marie L. York, FAICP, Director of the Florida Public Officials Design Institute at Abacoa and with artists; George Gadson and Beth Ravitz.

Approval of Susan Anderson, Visual Arts Teacher at J.P. Taravella High School, as winner of the 2009 Arts Teacher of the Year Award.

Approval of the design concepts by artist Janet Siegel Rogers for the Port Everglades Terminal 18 Color Palette Project.

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.

Approval of Kelly Jones Armstead to the 2020 Community Cultural Plan Cultural Tourism Task Force.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Grace Kewl Durfey gave an update on the 2020 Cultural Plan.

Jim Shermer thanked council members for serving on the GOP Grant panel and explained some of the challenges on reviewing grants. Mr. Shermer stated that a different approach for the review process will be considered. Discussion followed.

Amy Ostrau gave an update on the Arts Education Committee report. Ms. Ostrau announced that the Arts Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony will be on October 21, 2009 and the Annual Arts Integration Conference will be on August 19th, 2009. Janet Erlick wanted to state for the record that the county should be broader and include private, charter and parochial schools for the ATOY event.

Anthony Abbate gave an update on the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport art projects and stated that the meeting with the Aviation Director was very encouraging.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson stated that Alice Simon was added to the Advocacy Committee and suggested that council members volunteer for grant panels and evaluations. The Chair recommended that in view of the recent budget reductions, council members need to do more to support the Cultural Division by being more visible, attend commission meetings and be proactive with their commissioners.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson invited council members to the Hollywood ArtsPark for the opening of the Martin Luther King Art Project on May 21, 2009 at 6 pm.

Assistant to Director Earl Bosworth announced that the Encore Moretti Award will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at the Hyatt Pier 66 and congratulated Jim Shermer for being awarded the Encore Arts Administrator of the Year Award. Barbara O'Keefe and the Coral Springs Museum of Art will receive the Moretti Award.

Assistant to Director Earl Bosworth stated that Director Mary Becht will serve as a panelist on the Florida Arts Recovery Program on May 28, 2009.

Assistant to Director Earl Bosworth announced that the NEA Grant for Public Art will be on the May 12, 2009 Commission Agenda and the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and Semi-Annual Grant Report will be on the June 2, 2009 agenda.

The meeting was adjourned 1:18 pm.