

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, September 3rd, 2009 12:00 PM

Museum of Art – Fort Lauderdale – 3rd Floor Boardroom

- PRESENT:** (7th Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p6,a1); Estelle Loewenstein, Vice-Chair (p7,a0); Anthony Abbate (p7,a0); Margaret Armand (p7,a0); Bonnie Barnett (p6,a1); Michael Bassichis (p6,a1); Rose Marie Cossick (p7,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p7,a0); Arthur Crispino (p6,a1); Janet Erlick (p6, a1); Patrick Flynn (p6,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p6,a1); Roslyn Kurland (p6,a1); Deborah Kerr (p6,a1); Amy Ostrau (p6,a1); Georgia Robinson (p2,a0); Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom (p6,a1); Diane Weinbrum (p5,a2); Benjamin Williams (p7,a0)
- ABSENT:** Robin Gart (p4, a1); Linda Houston Jones (p2, a1); Alice Zendel Simon (p5,a2);
- GUEST(S):** City of Hollywood Representatives: Lori Mertens-Black, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Terry Comiskey, Lead Architect, Design and Construction Management; Jitu Patel, Director of Design and Construction Management; Chuck Ellis, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and Jack Mathison, Assistant Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts.
- STAFF:** Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Jody Leshinsky, Marketing Director; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Ken Kahn, Administrator, Public Art and Design; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary
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Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson called meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:04pm.

A motion was made by Deborah Kerr, seconded by Michael Bassichis to approve the minutes of June 4th, 2009 Broward Cultural Council meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items 2, 3 and 5 were pulled. Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson stated that item 3 should be separated into two different grants (item 3a the Mini-Grant and 3b Transfer Funds) and add the word "RECOMMEND" after "MOTION TO", on both items. Director Mary Becht asked to change the date on the last sentence of item 2, FROM: "September 28, 2009", TO: "October 6th, 2009".

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Deborah Kerr to approve Items 1 (Ratification Items A1, A2, A3, A4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, C12, D13, D14, and D15) 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of all items approved at the Broward Cultural Council Executive Committee Meetings of June 18, 2009 and July 20, 2009 (see below).

Approval of a 30-day (60-day total) extension from Bailes Ferrer, Inc., for late submission of the FY 2008 certified financial audit.

*Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the **Mini-Grant Program** from the June 24, 2009 Panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence October 1, 2009 and the next fiscal year and with later adjustments to funding awards to be made based on approval of the FY2010 grant budget sales tax budget.*

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the Tamarac Theatre for the Performing Arts Inc.(GOP27-2009).

Approval to recommend National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) advisory panel and review criteria for the \$200,000 sub- grants to arts organizations.

Approval of artist Cliff Garten and his design concept for the Supervisor of Elections Office Project in an amount not to exceed \$185,000, (\$165,000 art; \$20,000 contingency), with artist Jim Sanborn and his design concept as the Alternate.

Approval of Anthony Lauro to serve on the Public Art and Design Committee effective 10/1/09 to replace Irvin Lippman.

Approval of the final plan and final payment to artist Mikyoung Kim in the amount of \$12,000 for the Port Everglades Public Art Master Plan, pending PAD Committee approval.

Approval of Kasama Polakit to serve on the Public Art and Design Committee effective 10/1/09 to replace Jaap Vos pending PAD Committee approval.

Approval of Kasama Polakit to be added to the pool of Artist Selection Panelists.

Approval of final payment to artist Lorna Jordan in the amount of \$20,000 for the Long Key Natural Area Project, pending PAD Committee approval, and contingent upon receipt of close-out documents by Contract Administrator.

Approval of the Artist Selection Panel for the 2010 Update of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport Expansion Public Art Master Plan 2005 and the Airport Terminals Interior Clarification Project for the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Approval of Mindy Shrago and Charlotte Sundquist to the 2020 Cultural Plan Steering Committee.

Approval of the revised grants budget reflecting level 1 and level 2 reductions.

Approval of the individual grant awards reflecting level 2 reductions.

Approval to move ahead with the Advocacy Plan (meet with County Administrator Bertha Henry to discuss proposed budget cuts, have council members arrange meetings with their county commissioners and have the public contact commissioners as well as council members to advocate for the arts).

Approval of the Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Executive Committee to approve the grant panel's recommendations for the Broward County Cultural Division Lifeline Grant Program (National Endowment for the Arts – The Arts & American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009) on the September 14, 2009 Review Panel meeting. Reason: The BCC Executive Committee will meet on September 16, 2009 in order to forward these recommendations to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners for the October 6, 2009 Commission meeting.

Approval to recommend the October 1, 2009 Mini-Grant Program deadline for artists and cultural not-for-profit organizations until the conclusion of the Broward County Cultural Division Lifeline Grant Program (National Endowment for the Arts – The Arts & American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009) review panel on September 14, 2009.

Approval to recommend to transfer up to \$47,100 remaining in the Mini-Grant Program fund line for FY 2010 to Cultural Division Lifeline Grant Program, if additional funds are deemed necessary. If no additional funds are required, then the Mini-Grant Program will re-open for applications for the Mini-Grant Program second cycle; February 10, 2010 deadline.

Approval for the Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, Inc. (CGPB01-2005) for a second amendment to the organization's Challenge Grant Program agreement. The Executive Artistic Director with the Children's Theatre requested that a Second Amendment be developed. The current agreement expires (September 30, 2009). The amendment will extend the term of Agreement through September 30, 2010.

Approval of additional funds for the Entry Vestibules project by artist Pam Beyette in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, increasing the total budget for the project to an amount not to exceed \$535,000.

Approval of Carl Hildeband and Gary Moore to the 2020 Cultural Plan Public Art and Design Task Force; Mike Greene to the Steering Committee; Irvin Lippman and Devin Avery to the Cultural Tourism Task Force.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on pulled item 5. Commissioner Sue Gunzburger asked if the money for the project has already been appropriated. Director Mary Becht stated that the funding for the Port Everglades Project was appropriated.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to approve Item 5 on the consent Agenda as follows: *Approval to amend the Agreement between Broward County and Larry Kirkland for Artistic Services for Port Everglades Project, to broaden the art site opportunities at the Port to include other sites in addition to Terminal 18, with the final site selection to be made by the Port in consultation with the Cultural Division.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on item 8. **A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Commissioner Sue Gunzburger to approve item 8 on the consent Agenda as follows:** *Approval of a third amendment to Agreement between Broward County and Hollywood ArtsPark to modify scope of services.* **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed on Item 9, the temporary policy recommendations for FY2011 grants. Edith Gooden Thompson asked council to review recommended grant reductions and give feedback at the next Broward Cultural Council Executive Meeting. Director Mary Becht explained the recommended changes to the FY2011 grants programs and stated that for the next couple of years, additional reductions may be made. Several council members voiced their comments on the grant changes. Chair Gooden Thompson recommended that council members attend a meeting that will be held for the grantees to talk about the recommended grant changes. Commissioner Sue Gunzburger added that the grantees need to voice how the cuts will affect their lives at the next budget workshop meeting.

Lorie Mertens-Black, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs from the City of Hollywood gave a brief presentation and overview on the progress of the City of Hollywood ArtsPark. Ms. Mertens-Black stated that the original project was separated into various phases and the projected completion date is December 20, 2010. Ms. Mertens-Black added that the final phase will be the Performing Arts Center's two theatres, the amphitheatre (phase 3) and the black box theatre (phase 4). Ms. Margi Nothard was contracted to continue the design of the project. Discussion followed. Ms. Mertens-Black and Chuck Ellis gave an update on current programming events at the Hollywood ArtsPark.

Edith Gooden Thompson thanked Commissioner Sue Gunzburger for her support in advocating for the Arts at the county budget meetings. Chair Gooden Thompson announced that Mary Becht received a Proclamation from the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on August 11, 2009 and Anthony Abbate was the recipient of the 2009 Florida Caribbean Research Award for the County's Transit Housing Oriented Redevelopment (THOR) Pilot Study.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson gave an update on the face-to-face meetings with Commissioners and the County Administrator and asked council to thank commissioners for their support. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Anthony Abbate, seconded by Estelle Loewenstein to approve the Public Relations Committee and the Advocacy Committee join together to work on a list that the Cultural staff provides of all arts institutions, including Cultural Executives (separated by each commission district) to arrange for council members to call arts individuals to be at the September 10th, BCBCC Budget hearings. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson invited council members to attend the Natural Forces Opening Reception at the Hollywood Arts Cultural Center on September 9, 2009 and the South Florida Cultural Consortium's opening reception at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton on September 11, 2009.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson announced that there will be a special BCC Executive Committee Meeting on September 16, 2009 to discuss the Stimulus Grant Panel recommendations. Chair Gooden Thompson reminded council members that the next BCC Meeting and Planning Forum will be held on November 5, 2009 at the Plantation Historical Museum and it will count as two attendances. Chair Gooden Thompson added that committee reports are now past due.

Chair Gooden Thompson announced that the Nominating Committee will meet today immediately after the BCC meeting.

Director Mary Becht announced that the 1-year Suspension of Public Art Item will be discussed at the September 22, 2009 meeting at 10 am.

Ms. Becht stated that she had approved two grant change requests: the Friends of the Broward County African American Research Library and Cultural Center had made a request to transfer funds to substitute a program and the City of Pembroke Pines advised that they will not utilize this year's ECD grant.

Director Mary Becht announced that the Broward Sheriff's department has requested public records from the Division for every council meeting agenda, minutes and expenditures over \$10,000.

Director Mary Becht recommended that council members become members of the American's for the Arts. Ms. Becht stated that there is a letter attached from the Miami City Ballet stating that they have reduced their programs this year in Broward County to two productions and the Florida Grand Opera will only have four productions and has closed for the summer. There has been a significant reduction in programs this year.

Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom reviewed the goals and mission of the Public Relations Committee. Commissioner Rodstrom announced that the committee contacted Pierson Grant Public Relations to do some pro-bono work on marketing and public relations for the Broward Cultural Division. The result is an upcoming contest entitled "Faces of the Arts" in Broward County asking the community to submit stories on how the arts have affected their lives. Discussion followed.

Arthur Crispino announced that Maureen Kohler is no longer with ArtServe.

The meeting was adjourned 1:31 pm.