

**Minutes
Broward Cultural Council
Executive Committee
Thursday, April 16th, 2009
Main Library, 6th Floor Bienes Ceremonial Room
100 S. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Present: (2nd Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p2,a0); Estelle Loewenstein, 1st Vice-Chair (p2,a0); Arthur Crispino (p2,a0); Rose Marie Cossick, Member-at-Large (p2,a0); Janet Erlick (p2,a0); Amy Ostrau (p1,a1)

Absent: Anthony Abbate, Past Chair (p0,a2);

Guest(s): Broward Cultural Council Members: Deborah Kerr, Patrick Flynn, Diane Weinbrum, Robbie Kurland, Claire Crawford, Bonnie Barnett and Robin Gart; Pamela Dearden, Gold Coast Jazz; Bryon Swart, ArtServe; Julia Andrews, ArtServe; Laura Aker, Emerging Cultural Leaders.

Staff: Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Earl Bosworth, Assistant to the Director; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Lisa Lopez, Arts Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm and roll was called by Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary.

A motion was made by Rose Marie Cossick, seconded by Janet Erlick, to approve the minutes of the February 19th, 2009 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Mary Becht commented that the results team meetings between the Cultural, Parks and Recreation, and Animal Control Divisions are finished and it was recommended to cut individual budgets up to 30% including the following three Cultural Division items: Transfer positions from the General Fund to the Sales Tax fund; reduce \$750,000 (15%) from the sales tax budget; reduce an additional \$650,000 (12%) from the budget. Recommendations have been released the County Commission. Decision to merge the divisions was not recommended for 2010 but will be looked at again in the future.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson asked council to recommend where to make budget cuts and stated that council in the past decided that a 30% across the board cut was fair. Earl Bosworth explained that the proposed 2010 Budget will actually be a 36% reduction. Mr. Bosworth explained historical data and added that there is a \$757,000 shortfall from previous years and about a 15% decline in tax revenue. Patrick Flynn commented on the draft budget and suggested council rank each grant line item to prioritize where cuts would be made. Claire Crawford suggested eliminating regional groups from funding. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Patrick Flynn, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick, Approval to prioritize the list of grant programs by assigning by giving an ranking of A (being the highest), B, or C (being the lowest) should there be a 30% reduction. The motion was unanimously approved.

The following is how the General Operating Grants ranked after voting:

A (Highest priority)	B (Medium priority)	C (Lowest priority)
Major Cultural	Cultural Diversity	Education and Community Development
Regional Organizational	Mini-Grants	Design Arts Program
ArtServe	Technical Assistance	Micro-Loan *
Cooperative Marketing		

Micro-Loan (staff recommended suspending program for one year).

Items 3 and 4 were pulled on the Consent Agenda due to conflict.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick, to approve Item 1 on the consent agenda as follows: Approval of ArtServe, Inc. grant application for funding General Operating Program and General Fund in the amount \$99,500 for FY 2010. The motion was unanimously approved by the Broward Cultural Council Executive Committee.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick, to approve Items 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on the consent agenda as follows:

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.

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

Approval to cancel the Media Arts Project at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.

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.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick, to approve Items 3a-3k on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Cultural Tourism Program from the March 18, 2009 panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence FY 2010, with later adjustments to funding awards to be made based on approval of the FY2010 grant budget/sales tax budget: ArtServe, Inc. (CTP01-2010) \$45,700; Broward Caribbean Carnival, Inc (CTP01-2010) \$23,900; The Broward County Film Society, Inc. (CTP03-2010) \$59,400; Hollywood Art and Culture Center, Inc.(CTP04-2010) \$20,300; Miami City Ballet, Inc.(CTP05-2010) \$59,400; Museum of Discovery & Science, Inc. (CTP06-2010) \$59,400; Performing Arts Center Authority (CTP07A-2010) \$59,400; Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (CTP07B-2010) \$19,200; Nova Southeastern University, Inc. on behalf of its Museum of Art Division (CTP07C-2010) \$59,400; Opera Guild, Inc. of Fort Lauderdale (CTP07D-2010) \$50,200; Symphony of the Americas, Inc. (CTP08-2010) \$59,400.

The motion was approved, 5 in favor of, with one (1) abstention. Amy Ostrau is a board member of Young at Art.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Rose Marie Cossick, to approve Item 3l on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Cultural Tourism Program from the March 18, 2009 panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence FY 2010, with later adjustments to funding awards to be made based on approval of the FY2010 grant budget/sales tax budget: Young at Art of Broward, Inc. (CTP09-2010) \$59,400.*

The motion was approved, 5 in favor of, with one (1) abstention. Janet Erlick is the Executive Artistic Director of the Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre.

A motion was made by Rose Marie Cossick, seconded by Janet Erlick, to approve Items 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4i, 4j, 4m, 4n, 4o, 4p, 4q, 4r, 4s, 4t, 4u, 4v, 4w, 4x, 4y, 4z, 4aa, and 4bb on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the General Operating Program from the April 7, 2009 panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantees will commence FY 2010, with later adjustments to funding awards to be made based on approval of the FY2010 grant budget/sales tax budget:

All Florida Youth Orchestra, Incorporated (GOP01-2010) \$63,500; ARS Flores Symphony Orchestra (GOP02-2010) \$24,800; Association of Performing Arts of India, Inc. (GOP04-2010) \$16,100; Bailes Ferrer, Inc. (GOP05-2010) \$28,300; Broward Art Guild, Inc. (GOP06-2010) \$18,100; Coral Springs Chinese Cultural Association, Inc. (GOP07-2010) \$38,600; Coral Springs Museum of Art, Inc. (GOP08-2010) \$56,500; Curtain Call Playhouse, Inc. (GOP09-2010) \$35,800; Davie School Foundation, Inc. (GOP10-2010) \$45,700; Florida's Singing Sons, Inc. (GOP11-2010) \$64,600; Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (GOP13-2010) \$60,300; The Gold Coast Jazz Society, Inc (GOP14-2010) \$50,400; Gold Coast Opera, Inc. (GOP15-2010) \$29,900; Inside Out Theatre Company (GOP16-2010) \$27,200; Jubilee Dance Theatre, Inc. (GOP17-2010) \$12,400; Master Chorale of South Florida, Inc (GOP18-2010) \$41,800; Mosaic Theatre, Inc. (GOP19-2010) \$49,100; Old Dillard Foundation, Inc (GOP20-2010) \$14,300; Sistrunk Historical Festival, Inc. (GOP21-2010) \$31,300; South Florida Choral Arts, Inc. (GOP22-2010) \$39,100; South Florida Jazz, Inc. (GOP23-2010) \$49,800; South Florida Musical Guild, Inc. (aka The Flamingo Freedom Band) (GOP24-2010) \$13,000; Stonewall Library and Archives, Inc. (GOP25-2010) \$43,700; Stranahan House, Inc. (GOP26-2010) \$41,500; Symphony of the Americas, Inc.(GOP27-2010) \$60,000; Tamarac Theatre of the Performing Arts, Inc. (GOP28-2010) \$27,200; The Women's Theatre Project, Inc. (GOP29-2010) \$18,500.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Rose Marie Cossick, seconded by Arthur Crispino, to approve Items 4k on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the General Operating Program for Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre, Inc. (GOP12-2010) \$72,000.

The motion was approved, 5 in favor of, with one (1) abstention. Janet Erlick is the Executive Artistic Director of the Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre.

A motion was made by Rose Marie Cossick, seconded by Arthur Crispino, to approve Items 4cc on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the General Operating Program for Young At Art of Broward, Inc. (GOP30-2010) \$77,600.

The motion was approved, 5 in favor of, with one (1) abstention. Amy Ostrau is a board member of Young at Art.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson stated that council members are not volunteering to serve on grant panels and at the same time, the council has discouraged the use of community members serving on grant panels. Discussion followed. It was recommended separating grant panels into a two day session or into two separate groups.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson stated that Amy Ostrau will give a presentation on the Arts Education Committee at the next BCC Meeting in May. Chair Gooden Thompson also advised council that the planning committee meeting is on April 23, 2009 and that Mid-Year Reports are

due. Chair Gooden Thompson announced that Alice Simon will be added to the Advocacy Committee.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson announced that the Cultural Division and Mary Becht received the Ray Hanley Award for innovation and Leadership from the United Arts Urban Federation. Chair Gooden Thompson stated that Andrea Froome has been promoted to Senior Assistant County Attorney.

Director Mary Becht announced that Jim Shermer will receive the Arts Administrator of the Year Award and Barbara O'Keefe, Director of the Coral Springs Museum of Art will receive the Moretti Award on May 15th at the Hyatt Pier 66.

Director Mary Becht announced two agenda items on the County Commission agenda: the 2020 Cultural Community Plan on April 28, 2009 and the Semi-Annual Grant Report on May 12, 2009. Ms. Becht also reminded council that the Commission Budget Workshop will be on April 20, 2009 at 9 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.