

**Minutes
Broward Cultural Council
Executive Committee
Thursday, September 16th, 2009
Museum of Art – Fort Lauderdale, 3rd Floor Boardroom
Nova Southeastern University
One East Las Olas Blvd.,
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

Present: (5th Meeting) Edith Gooden-Thompson, Chair (p4,a1); Estelle Loewenstein, 1st Vice-Chair (p5,a0); Anthony Abbate, Past Chair (p1,a4); Arthur Crispino (p5,a0); Janet Erlick (p4,a1) Amy Ostrau (p4,a1)

Absent: Anthony Abbate, Past Chair (p1,a4); Rose Marie Cossick, Member-at-Large (p3,a2)

Staff: Mary Becht, Cultural Division Director; Earl Bosworth, Assistant to the Director;
Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm and roll was called by Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Estelle Loewenstein, to approve the minutes of the July 20th, 2009 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked council members to review and comment on the “draft” handout “Temporary Policy Recommendations for FY2011 for Grant Cycles during the Fiscal Crisis that will be presented to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners on September 25th, 2009. Director Mary Becht stated that the Major Cultural Institution Program may have to merge with the Cultural Tourism grant for one year. A meeting with Nicki Grossman is being arranged and council members will be invited to attend. Discussion followed.

Items 1, 2, 6 and 9 were pulled for discussion.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Janet Erlick, to approve Items 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of a 30-day (60-day total) extension from the Miami City Ballet, Inc., for late submission of the FY 2009 certified financial audit.

Approval of a waiver (extension) from the Inspirational School of Dance, Inc., for late submission of the Project Report (Exhibit B) with the grant project (MGP28-2009).

Approval to recommend the selection of artist Gary Moore as a finalist for the Bus Shelter project and to approve a proposal fee of \$1,500 for final presentation at the PAD meeting of 10/14/09.

Approval of final payment in the amount of \$25,000 to Michele Oka Doner for the Terminal 18 Terrazzo Floor Project at Port Everglades, pending receipt of professional quality photo-documentation, Cataloging Form and completion of Education Outreach and final completion inspection.

Approval of artist Barbara Hochstetler Fentress for the Airport Terminals Interior Clarification Project at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (\$45,000 art; \$5,000 contingency) with artist Louis Nelson as the alternate.

The motion was unanimously approved.

A lengthy discussion followed on Item 1 and 2.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Estelle Loewenstein, to fund the fourteen (14) mini grant groups for the total amount of \$200,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Estelle Loewenstein, seconded by Amy Ostrau, to approve not to transfer/utilize the balance of the Mini Grant Program into the Lifeline Grant Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 9.

A motion was made by Amy Ostrau, seconded by Arthur Crispino, approval of direct purchase of 2009 South Florida Cultural Consortium artwork entitled Bermuda Triangle from artist Samantha Salzinger in the amount of \$4,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 6, the Beach Renourishment Project.

A motion was made by Arthur Crispino, seconded by Amy Ostrau, to approve approval of artist Peter Richards and the design proposal for the Beach Renourishment Project, in an amount not to exceed \$134,000 total amount, (\$120,000 art; \$14,000 contingency) with the artist team of Mags Harries and Lajos Heder as the alternate. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Estelle Loewenstein, seconded by Janet Erlick, to approve Germaine Smith Baugh to the 2020 Steering Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edith Gooden-Thompson asked council to review the proposed 2010 BCC Meeting Schedule. Chair Gooden Thompson announced that Mary Becht will be honored by the South Florida International Press club on October 24, 2009 at the Miami Shores Country Club.

Janet Erlick reported on the State budget and stated that only \$66.2 billion dollars was budgeted for Arts and Culture reflecting no more than .004% or .14 cents per person for the arts in Broward County. Ms. Erlick added that Florida ranks 49th nationwide on funding the arts and only six applicants from Broward received the Culture Builds Florida Grant. Discussion followed. Ms. Erlick stated that art and culture organizations need to do a better job advocating for the arts.

Chair Edith Gooden Thompson asked council members to review the proposed 2010 meeting schedule. Chair Gooden Thompson announced that Mary Becht will receive an award from the South Florida International Press Club for Community Service on October 24, 2009.

Director Mary Becht reported that the Public Art Suspension discussion at the Broward County Board of Commissioners Meeting will be on September 22, 2009 at 10 am followed by the County Budget Hearing at 5:01 pm.

Director Mary Becht announced that Artist Michelle Oka Doner will lecture at the Hollywood Arts and Culture Center on October 14, 2009 at 7 pm and the Arts Teacher of the Year will be at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on October 21, 2009 at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.