

MINUTES

BROWARD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Thursday, April 6th, 2006 – 12:00 pm

Main Library – 8th Floor, Room 8 A/B

PRESENT: (4th Meeting) Anthony Abbate, Chair (p4, a0); Margaret Armand (p3,a1); Darran Blake (p3,a1); Bonnie Barnett (p4,a0); Michael Bassichis (p4,a0); Dr. Claire Crawford (p4,a0); Georgette Sosa Douglass (p4,a0); Patrick Flynn (p5,a0); Edith Gooden-Thompson (p4,a0); Roslyn Kurland (p4,a0); Jack Latona (p4,a0); Anna Toms McDaniel (p4,a0); Christopher Pollock (p3, a1); Diane Weinbrum (p3,a1); Lee Weintraub (p3,a1); Pamela Wilson (p4,a0)

ABSENT: Rose Marie Cossick (p3,a1); Commissioner Sue Gunzburger (p3,a1); Teresa Hall (p2,a2); Estelle Loewenstein (p2,a2); Mayor Beth Flansbaum-Talabisco (p2,a2); Elayne Weisburd (p3,a1); Benjamin Williams (p2,a2);

GUEST(S): Jill Manton, Director, San Francisco Public Art Program; Alex Marshall, Author; Eric Boucicant, Chair, A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation; Eric Freedman, Artist; Mindy Shrago, Young at Art.

STAFF: Mary Becht, Director; Andrea Froome, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Shermer, Grants Manager; Steve Glassman, Arts Education and Community Development Manager; Ricardo Zulueta, Public Art & Design Administrator; Jody Horne-Leshinsky, Marketing Development Manager; Teresa Ford, Arts Management Specialist II; Susan Schutz, Arts Assistant; Lisa Lopez, Arts Assistant; Rowena Nocom, Division Administrative Assistant; Barbra Aleman, Recording Secretary

Chair Anthony Abbate called the meeting to order and roll was called by Barbra Aleman at 12:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Anna Toms-McDaniel, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve the minutes of the March 2nd, 2005 Broward Cultural Council (BCC) Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Items 5a, 12, 17a and 18 were pulled for discussion. Item 7 was pulled due to conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Pam Wilson to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15a, 16, 19, 20 and 21 on the consent agenda as follows:

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Education and Community Development Program from the February 13, 2006 panel meeting. Funding recommendations for grantee will commence FY 2007.

Approval of the grant panel's recommendations for the Mini-Grant Program from the March 9, 2006 Panel meeting, Funding recommendations for grantees will commence May 1, 2006.

Approval of a Grant Change Request for the Association of Indians in America, Inc. (CDP02-2006). Changing the venue for Festival of India from Bank Atlantic Center to Coral Springs Center for the Arts. The event Krishhnabhakti has been cancelled by the organizers. The grantee requests reallocating \$3,000 from Krishhnabhakti to be added to Festival of India from \$14,000, to \$17,000.

Approval to replace Russ Bralley with Silvia Flores, for the Cultural Tourism Program Grant Panel on March 22, 2006.

Approval of a Grant Change Request for Ancestral Legacies, Inc. to change from artist Eulyee Eason to artist Anita McBeth and add to the pool of grant panelists. (ECD 03-2006) Change from one hour of meeting time per approved instructor to one hour of rehearsal time per approved instructor.

Approval to replace artist Beth Ravitz with artist Linda Houston-Jones for the Cultural Tourism Program panel on March 22, 2006 and add to pool of grant panelists.

Approval to replace artist Beth Ravitz with artist Nerissa Street for the General Operating Program panel on April 5, 2006 and add to pool of grant panelists

Approval of a 60-day extension for submission of annual audit for the Mosaic Theatre, Inc. (GOP20-2005)

Approval of FY07 Public Art and Design Annual Plan Draft #1

Approval for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to consider artist Dan Corson as the lighting consultant for the interactive and security lighting project at Huizenga Park

Approval for Elizabeth Wentworth to serve on the Finance Committee.

Approval for Nerissa Street to serve on the Diversity Committee

Approval to waive solely for the One-time Fiscal Year 2006 Special Challenge Grant (second cycle), the Council's policy of allowing up to fourteen (14) days for receipt of written appeals from grant applicants following the grant panel review meeting and to waive the requirements of a "grant appeals workshop" immediately preceding a regular monthly meeting after receipt of the written appeal, and to approve, instead, that an "oral appeal workshop" be held during the first regularly scheduled (May 4, 2006) Council meeting after the grant panel review meeting for the One-time Fiscal Year 2006 Special Challenge Grant applicants has been convened.

Attorney Andrea Froome reminded council that items 10 and 11 were approved retroactively from March 22, 2006. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on Item 5a on the consent agenda addendum. It was recommended that the

item be deferred until the May 4th, 2006 BCC agenda.

A motion was made by Christopher Pollock, seconded by Pam Wilson, to approve Item 7 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of a Grant Change Request for Young at Art of Broward. (ECD 23-2006) to change from 10 students to 5 students per class.* The motion was approved with 15 in favor and 1 abstention. Diane Weinbrum abstained from voting because she is staff member of the Young at Art of Broward, Inc.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on item 12. Mr. Eric Boucicaut, President of A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation explained that original event was canceled due to Hurricane Wilma and that a scaled down event will replace original event using the same operating grant.

A motion was made by Pam Wilson, seconded by Dr. Claire Crawford, to approve Item 12 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of a Grant Change Request for the A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation, Inc. (CDP01-2006) to change From: Provide a two (2) day International Creole Fest with a minimum of twenty (20) musicians, artists, performers, and concert ensemble performances, marketing and operation of the festival, To: Provide a one (1) day African Diaspora & Creole Cultures including: Literary forum by six (6) scholars specialized in Creole Studies referring to a large palette of Creole cultures, drawn from the following: Jean-Robert Cadely Ph.D., Carole Boyce Davies Ph.D., Augusto Soledade Ph.D., Veronique Helenon Ph. D., Dr. Edmund Abaka ;one (1) music and dance concert by Jan Sebon & his group KAZAK, to take place at the Broward Main Library or at Nova University, or similar venue in Broward County; and two (2) day film and feature speaker series at the African American Research Library.*

The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Anthony Abbate explained that he pulled item 17a to clarify that a permit was still needed from the City of Fort Lauderdale to finalize the Light Project Plans.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Pam Wilson, to approve Item 17a on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval for the DDA approved location for Dan Corson's Light Project at Huizenga Park.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion followed on item 18.

A motion was made by Michael Bassichis, seconded by Pam Wilson, to approve Item 18 on the consent agenda as follows: *Approval of a conservation agreement with American Fiberglass for "Light Cylinders" at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport in an amount not to exceed \$92,000, pending approval by the Public Art and Design Committee.* The motion was unanimously approved.

Darran Blake, Chair of Marketing Committee, spoke about projects that the Marketing Committee was currently working on. Michael Bassichis, Chair of Advocacy Committee, reported on Broward Days and Washington DC trip.

Anna Toms-McDaniel asked that it go on record her appreciation that Commissioner Sue Gunzburger representing the Cultural Council.

Chair Anthony Abbate announced that meeting with Vice Mayor Eggelletion has be rescheduled date still undetermined. Chair Anthony Abbate asked council to support the insertion of new language on the Community Development Trust Fund to clarify original intent to support cultural development that was not legally specified in documentation.

Director Mary Becht reported on grant panel recommendations, staff meeting with Vice Mayor Eggelletion and invited council members to the May 22nd, 2006 Grant Program Meeting at 6 pm. Mary Becht announced that Young at Art was successful in obtaining a grant to help build their new facility. Mary Becht invited council members to attend the 30th Year Public Art & Design (PAD) 2006 Regional Leadership Conference with guest speakers Jill Manton and Alex Marshall on April 6-7, 2006. Mary Becht also announced the resignation on council member Mayor Beth Talabisco.

South Florida Cultural Consortium Artist, Eric Freedman presented a video of his work.

Jill Manton and Alex Marshall, speakers at the 30th Year Leadership Conference briefly spoke about their upcoming lecture.

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.