

Agenda

**Micro-Credit Program Committee
Friday, January 18, 2008 at 11:00 AM
School Board of Broward County
600 SE 3rd Avenue, 14th floor Conference Room**

I. Call Meeting to Order.....Ben Williams, Chair

II. Approval of Minutes ¹ Committee

III. Appoint a new Vice-chair to Committee - discussion.

IV. Planning discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute for 2008.

- Course Content and Format
- Faculty CPAC/ Local
- Marketing

Saturdays - Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute 2008

- March 29, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.
- April 5, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.
- April 12, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.
- April 19, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

V. New Business.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

- 9:00 AM- January 19, 2008 -at Nova Southeastern University for a workshop/program - a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- Luz Rodriguez- postponed **to be rescheduled**.
- **2:00 PM - January 19, 2008 workshop:** Cheryl Cook with the SFRPC, Shermer- *Artist Micro Credit Program* for Broward artists Nova Library.
- **2:00PM - February 23, 2008** - Cultural Diversity Artists Forum - Arts Office. The Arts Office 5450 NW 19th Street, Lauderhill, FL 33313
- March 6, 2008 - ArtServe, Inc.-

¹ Minutes: November 16, 2007 - 11:00 AM (No meeting in December)

No quorum - The Committee reviewed the Micro Credit workshop schedule
And recap of the Saturday, October 27, 2007 *South Florida Artist Entrepreneurs Meetup Group* at Florida Atlantic University, Fort Lauderdale Campus.

Minutes: January 18, 2008 - 11:00 AM

- The Committee reviewed the faculty assignments and sessions for the 2008 *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute*. April 19 is a holiday, so the fourth class weekend will be moved to April 26, allowing two weeks for business plan development.
- The group discussed formats for *Business Plan Clinic* for the fourth weekend, one-to-one reviews, cross- critiquing in small groups, etc.. It was suggested to highlight three to four business plan models as detailed examples for the class review as the exercise.
- CPAC will offer a text that has a background reading (homework authored by CPAC faculty) for *every* module, and interviews by artists. The reading acts as a homework assignment to 'prep' the next class session as an aid for the instructors' delivery, too.
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V. New Business.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

- **7:00 p.m.- February 28, 2008** - Sailboat Bend Artists Loft - informal talk with residents Williams/Street/Shermer.
- **9:00 AM- March 1, 2008** -at Nova Southeastern University for a workshop/program - a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- Luz Rodriguez-
- **2:00 PM - March 1, 2008 workshop:** Shermer- *Artist Micro Credit Program* for Broward artists Nova Library.
- **March 6, 2008** - ArtServe, Inc. - 12 x 12 Artist Forum
- **Knight Foundation Arts Partnership's - Community Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.** Organizations and individuals are invited to submit their ideas on the home page at www.KnightArts.org Micro-Credit Program matching for artists.
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homework assignment to 'prep' the next class session as an aid for the instructors' delivery, too.

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IV. Discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute* 2008.

52 artists are enrolled

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- April 26, 2008 - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. **Business Plan Clinic**

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- Set time certain for Cheryl Cook with SFRPC will present segment on “Working with Lenders.”
- Invitation to 2007 AEI alumni to April 26 session.

V. New Business.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

- **Working on June 2008 session** – Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council – and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez.
- **Sailboat Bend Opening- April 30, 2008.**

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**Micro-Credit Program Committee
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School Board of Broward County
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- I. Call Meeting to Order.....Ben Williams, Chair
II. Approval of Minutes..... Committee
III. Appoint a new Vice-chair to Committee - discussion.

IV. Discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute 2008.

- Wrap-up and plan for next AEI.
- Replication in Palm Beach County
- Working with CPAC- *Community Partnership for Arts and Culture*.

V. Meeting times

- Moving to Thursdaysdiscussion.

VI. Policy and Procedure Manual

- Review *DRAFT* and discussion of Loan panel procedures.

V. New Business.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

- **Working on June 2008 session** – Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council – and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez.
- **June 26 – 6:00 PM Cultural Diversity Artist forum** - Cultural Community Center, 410 SE 3 Street, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

Minutes: April 18, 2008 - 11:00 AM

No quorum

Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute 2008.

- 52 artists are enrolled - *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute 2008.
- Invitation to 2007 AEI alumni to April 26 session.

The group discussed the COSE (Council of Smaller Enterprise) Model done in Cleveland as a support system to alumni of the AEI to help artists realize their projects' business plans.

- Sailboat Bend Opening- April 30, 2008.

(idea- Mr. Cruz offered to provide a list of the area's bankers, and the Committee can begin work on Mr. Williams' suggestion of creating an informational meeting with the investment community).

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Micro-Credit Program Workshop and Clinic Saturday June 21, 2008 at 9:00 AM

ArtServe, Inc.
1350 East Sunrise Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(Bienes Business Center at ArtServe)

- I. Welcome attendees

- II. Brief overview of Cultural Division.
(Shermer)
 - Background of the Artist Micro Credit Program
 - *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute*
 - Artist Services provided by the Division and upcoming workshop programs.

- III. Working with Lenders
(Cheryl Cook)

- IV. Business Planning Basics
(Rafael Cruz)
 - Review of *Artist Micro Credit Program's Business Plan* requirements.

Questions from the group.

Clinic time with individuals, (or critique business plan sample)

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**Micro-Credit Program Committee
Thursday June 26, 2008 at 11:00 AM
School Board of Broward County
600 SE 3rd Avenue, 14th floor Conference Room**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.....Ben Williams, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes..... Committee
- III. Appoint a new Vice-chair to Committee - discussion.

IV. Wrap-up *Artist Micro Credit Clinic and Workshop* June 21 at ArtServe.

V. Discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute 2008.

- Wrap-up and plan for next AEI. Review of Evaluation of spring AEI
- Planning Fall AEI
- Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, (22) or (December 6) as proposed dates.

VI. Submission of Artist Micro Credit application

- Lopez/ Robinson
- Scheduling Loan Review Panel Meeting in early July.

VII. Policy and Procedure Manual

- Review *DRAFT* and discussion of Loan panel procedures.

VIII. New Business.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

- **June 26 - 6:00 PM Cultural Diversity Artist forum** - Cultural Community Center, 410 SE 3 Street, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009.
- **Confirmed September 20, 2008 session** - Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council - and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez. Micro-Credit Program workshop following the session with Ms. Rodriguez.

Minutes: May 23, 2008 - 11:00 AM

No quorum

The Committee discussed the *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute presentations.
The Committee reviewed the draft of the Policy and Procedure Manual.

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**Loan Review Panel
Micro-Credit Program Committee
Tuesday, July 2, 2008 at 11:00 AM
South Florida Regional Planning Council**

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Review of Artist Micro Credit Applications

III. Next Loan Review Panel Meeting

IV. Discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute 2008.

Planning Fall AEI

- Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15, (22) or (December 6) as proposed dates.

V. Appoint a new Vice-chair to Committee - discussion

VI. New Business.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

- **Confirmed September 20, 2008 session** – Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council – and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez. Micro-Credit Program workshop following the session with Ms. Rodriguez.

Minutes June 26, 2008 Meeting Micro Credit committee

Submission of Artist Micro Credit application

- Lopez/ Robinson
- Scheduling Loan Review Panel Meeting in early July.

Policy and Procedure Manual

- Review *DRAFT* and discussion of Loan panel procedures.

New Business.

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Micro-Credit Program Committee
Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 11:00 AM
School Board of Broward County
600 SE 3rd Avenue, 14th floor Conference Room

I. Call Meeting to Order.....Ben Williams, Chair

II. Approval of Minutes..... Committee

III. Appoint a new Vice-chair to Committee - discussion.

IV. Discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute 2008.*

Saturdays - *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) 2008 at ArtServe, Inc.*

- **November 1, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- **November 8, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- **November 15, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- **break**
- **December 6, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. (Business Plan Clinic)**

V. Artist Micro Credit Program awardees
Loan Review Committee July 2 and July 29

- Yater/ Robinson

VI. New Business.

Meeting with Broward Community College - September 4 Jerry Enloe, Continuing Education - AEI faculty programming. Advance programs for AEI alumni.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

Confirmed September 20, 2008 session 12noon - Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council - and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez.

Micro-Credit Program workshop following the session with Ms. Rodriguez.

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Committee discussed making a greater connection with Micro Credit Program with the AEI promotional information and course modules.

Greater project planning focus with artists during AEI .Creation of more concentrated business planning programs for AEI alumni.

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Micro-Credit Program Committee
Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 11:00 AM
School Board of Broward County
600 SE 3rd Avenue, 14th floor Conference Room

I. Call Meeting to Order.....Ben Williams, Chair

II. Approval of Minutes..... Committee

III. Welcome Vice-chair Arthur Crispino to Committee.

Welcome Luiz Bravim and Abena Osei - Emerging Cultural Leaders

IV. Discussion - *Artist as an Entrepreneur* Institute fall 2008.

Saturdays - *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI)* 2008 at ArtServe, Inc.

- **November 1, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- **November 8, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- **November 15, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
- **break**
- **December 6, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. (Business Plan Clinic)**

V. Promotional planning for AEI -

- Recap September 20, 2008 session 12noon - Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council - and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez.
- Artist Micro Credit Program awardees- Press Release.
- Work on "business planning 201" designing follow-up sessions for AEI alumni.
- COSE model meeting with Fort Lauderdale Chamber 9/22/08.
- Recap meeting with Broward Community College - 9/ 4/08 Jerry Enloe, Continuing Education on faculty ideas for AEI.

VI. Second amendment with SFRPC renewed for Artists Services.

VII. New Business.

- Millennium Art and Design Gallery 2724 East Commercial - hosted by Joe Cantu with Merrill Lynch 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. RSVP 954-491-1007.
- Planning for Micro Credit Program workshops.
- Three Webinars from *The Foundation Center*
October 1, 15 & 28, 2008 at Alvin-Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center, 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale
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Minutes

The Committee discussed work on the *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute* faculty and program design.

The Committee recapped the work of the Loan Review Committee July 2 and July 29 With Artist Micro Credit loans being awarded to Ms. Yater and Ms. Robinson.

The group discussed alternative locations for *Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute*.

Workshops for Micro-Credit Program:

Confirmed September 20, 2008 session 12noon - Meeting with Weston area artists and Greater Weston Arts Council - and a grant-writing training seminar/workshop for artists- with Luz Rodriguez. Micro-Credit Program workshop following the session with Ms. Rodriguez.

Chair Williams introduced Merrie Meyers- Kershaw and the group discussed Kathleen Cooper Wright Sculpture project. Meyers- Kershaw discussed the fundraising and the call to artist process with the committee. It was suggested to make contact with Public Art and Design staff with the Division and PAD chair with Council.

Broward County Cultural Division

MICRO-CREDIT PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

September 25, 2008 11:00 am

Opening- The Broward County Cultural Division's Loan Program Committee Meeting was called to order at 11:16 am on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at the School Board by Benjamin Williams, Committee Chair.

Present

Ben Williams, Chair, Micro-Credit Committee; **Arthur Crispino**, Vice Chair, Micro-Credit Committee; **Cheryl Cook**, South Florida Regional Planning Council, Economic Development Specialist; **Abena Osei**, Emerging Cultural Leader, Micro-Credit Committee Member; **Nerissa Street**, Micro-Credit Committee Member; **George Gadson**, Micro-Credit Committee Member; **Adriane Clarke**, Broward County Cultural Division, Grants Management Specialist.

Introduction

Benjamin Williams, Chair of the Loan Committee, opened the meeting by introducing Arthur Crispino, new Vice Chair, Micro-Credit Committee and welcoming Abena Osei, Emerging Cultural Leader. Mr. Williams then provided a recap of the Micro-Credit Committee's accomplishments during FY 2008.

Discussion

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous month's meeting at 11:19 AM.

Committee members began with discussion of the September 21, 2008 Sun-Sentinel article featuring Micro-Credit recipient Sandra Robinson. Adriane Clarke then provided a brief overview of the Artist as Entrepreneur Institute and information about the upcoming offering of the Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute, to begin on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 9:00 AM at ArtServe, the committee also reprised discussion about the possibility of hosting AEI at other locations throughout the county. Ms. Clarke advised that the task had proven difficult as schedulers at potential venues were unable to provide a facility for four consecutive Saturday from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM in time for the November session. Ms. Clarke also advised the committee that James Shermer was in the process of exploring opportunities to identify an organization suited to provide follow-up sessions/ services for AEI alumni (discussions have been held with the Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Broward Art Guild to discuss COSE model and explore possibility to provide similar services). Additionally, the Ms. Clarke advised the committee of Mr. Shermer's pursuit of additional local faculty members for the entrepreneurial training program as well as opportunities to present information about the Micro-Credit Program.

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Micro-Credit Program Committee
Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 11:00 AM
School Board of Broward County
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I. Call Meeting to Order.....Ben Williams, Chair

II. Approval of Minutes..... Committee

III. Implementation of AEI November 2008.

Saturdays - Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) 2008 at ArtServe, Inc.

- **November 1, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.**
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12/6/08 - invite AEI alumni - Micro Credit Clinic and Workshop.

IV. Amendment with SFRPC renewed for Artists Services.

Artists Services

- Work on "business planning 201" designing follow-up sessions for AEI alumni.
- COSE model meeting with Fort Lauderdale Chamber 9/22/08.
- Recap meeting with Broward Community College - 9/ 4/08 Jerry Enloe, Continuing Education on faculty ideas for AEI.
- Recap Sept 23, 2008- Millennium Art and Design Gallery 2724 East Commercial - hosted by Joe Cantu with Merrill Lynch

VII. New Business.

- Planning for Micro Credit Program workshops.
- Broward Art Guild and Project Grant Writing with Luz Rodriguez in 2009
- AEI graduates Yater, Piering, and LaFlamme awarded artist Mini-Grant Program grants on October 27. Yater's project is a group exhibition of AEI artists called: "DBA (Doing Business As)...exhibit the works of selected AEI graduates on January 16, 2009 - February 15, 2009. The exhibition will take place at Gallery Six on the sixth floor of the Main Library. LaFlamme civic engagement mural project. Piering show at Uncommon Gallery.

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Broward County Cultural Division

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October 30, 2008

11:00 am

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Present

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Introduction

Benjamin Williams, Chair of the Micro-Credit Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM.

Discussion

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous month's meeting at 11:12 AM.

James Shermer provided the committee with registration for the upcoming Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute which will begin on November 1, 2008. Approximately 24 artists registered to participate in the institute which would be facilitated for the first time by local faculty members. Mr. Shermer reprised the conversation about possibly working with other organizations to expand artist services similar to the model provided by Cleveland's Council of Smaller Business Enterprise (COSE). The committee discussed the components of the "COSE model" (membership based, health insurance, business planning, reduced cost accounting and legal services) and potential partnerships to assist in the realization of this endeavor.

The committee discussed the decision to focus more on steering AEI graduates toward the Micro-Credit Program by shifting from a business planning model to a condensed/succinct project planning model in hopes of encouraging participants to complete the document and apply for the Micro-Credit Program.

The committee closed with a discussion about AEI alumni success and ways to capture that information perhaps through surveys and success stories.

The committee was advised that the next Micro-Credit Workshop will be held at ArtServe as an element of the AEI closing session on December 6, 2008.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm. The next committee meeting will convene on November 20, 2008 at the School Board Building 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Adriane Clarke, Cultural Diversity Committee Staff Liaison

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II. Approval of Minutes..... Committee

III. Implementation of AEI November/ December 2008.

Saturdays - Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI) 2008 at ArtServe, Inc.

- **December 6, 2008 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. (Business Plan Clinic).**

invited AEI alumni 2008 and 2007-

Session organized as an Artist Micro Credit Clinic and Workshop for larger artist community.

IV. Amendment with SFRPC renewed for Artists Services (working).

VII. New Business.

- Artists Services - Megan Van Voorhis, CPAC - Course book updating- input from presenters.
- Creative Economy Event- Advertising Federation of Fort Lauderdale - **November 20th- 2008 • RMS Networks** 900 SE 3rd Ave. 3rd Floor - Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 (for directions - <http://rmsnetworks.com>) As a member of the Creative Community your talent and vision play a role in strengthening our local and state economy. Join us for a discussion with a panel of experts leading the charge for the making of a "Creative Economy" in Broward county and learn how you and your business can help fuel the local economy! **Networking 6:00 - 6:45 pm • Program 6:45 - 7:45 pm Admission: \$10 members/ \$15 non-member.**
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Broward County Cultural Division
Microcredit Program Committee Meeting

Minutes
November 20, 2008
11:00AM

Opening

The Broward County Cultural Division Micro Credit Loan Program Committee Meeting was called to order at 11 AM on Thursday November 20, 2008 at the School Board by Benjamin Williams, Committee Chair.

Present

Ben Williams, *Chair, Micro-Credit Committee*; **Arthur Crispino**, *Vice Chair, Micro Credit Committee*; **Joyce Hall**, *Financial Specialist, South Florida Regional Planning Council*; **James Shermer**, *Broward County Cultural Division, Grants Administrator*; **Adriane Clark**, *Broward County Cultural Division, Grants Management Specialist*; **Melissa Hunter**, *Broward County Cultural Division, Arts Assistant*.

Introduction

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the previous month's meeting. After reviewing the progression of the Artist as Entrepreneur Institute (AEI), Mr. Shermer suggested bringing AEI alumnus and current students to future Micro Credit Loan meetings.

Questions were raised by Mr. Williams and Mr. Crispino about the Micro Credit Loan program such as how many applicants have applied since July and what the terms of the loan are. Mr. Shermer explained that there had been four applicants, with two having been awarded the loan. Ms. Hall explained the loan program and Mr. Shermer added that he will set up meetings with awardees on the progression of the project midway through the duration of the loan.

Also, Mr. Shermer advised the group of a Building a Creative Economy event aimed at the Broward County Community. The committee was also informed that AEI graduates Yater, Laflamme and Piering received project grant support through the Mini Grant Program; as well as two of the aforementioned artists will be exhibiting their work with other artists at the Artist as Entrepreneurs graduate exhibition entitled "Doing Business as... Artist Entrepreneurs"

The committee decided to not have the meeting scheduled for December and to reconvene in January 2009. Mr. Shermer mentioned that he will refresh our committee with new members and is looking to the Broward County Cultural Council for nominations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Hunter, Arts Assistant, Broward County Cultural Division