



Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jan Geiger, Chair
Linda Merksamer, Vice-Chair

Joanna de la Cuesta
Daniel Gorfain
Patti Miller
Charles Barr

Nan Mahon
Daniel Pane
Jennifer Tachera
Margaret Park-Landau

CITY STAFF:

*Rhyena Halpern, Executive Director
Randy Mackay, Administrative Analyst
Jeanette Louis, Office Manager*

*Convention, Culture and Leisure Department
1030 15th Street, Board Room (Inside Suite 250)*

April 9, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.

Call to Order – 02:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Present: Geiger, Merksamer, Barr, de la Cuesta, Pane, Gorfain
Late: Tachera and Park
Absent: Miller, Mahon

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item to be removed for separate consideration.

1. **Approval of Minutes for March 12, 2007**

Location: Convention Culture and Leisure Department
1030 15th Street, Board Room (Inside Suite 250)

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes.

Contact: Jeanette Louis, Office Manager, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3992.

Action: Approved the March 12, 2007 minutes.

Staff Reports

Staff reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

2. **Visual Arts Committee Guidelines**

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Visual Arts Committee Policy and Guidelines.

Contact: Alan Dismuke, Gallery Curator, 566-3992.

Linda Bloom, Administrator, Art in Public Places, 566-3971.

Dismuke stated the policies and guidelines distributed with the report reflect changes made by the committee in grammar and semantics, but not in substance. Changes are shown in track changes.

Halpern noted that honing the policies and procedures reflect a strong committee process and have yielded a "live document" with room to grow and change. Barr noted that this year-long effort "was thoughtfully done and with a specific amount of attention to detail." Bloom announced that there will be other openings for this committee again in July.

Motion: Accept the proposed changes for the Gallery Program of VAC. Barr.

Second: de la Cuesta.

Vote: Ayes 8, Noes 0, Absent 2. Motion Carries.

3. Animal Control Center Cattery Facility Arts Plan

2) Poets on Deck

This pays homage on oversized playing cards to 52 renowned poets and a few extra "jokers." Poets from the late 60's through 1980's were carefully selected. Each card will have a pencil drawing of the poet with their written verses.

6. Update: ArtScapes Review 05-06 Cycle

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Anja Aulenbacher, Grants and Cultural Programs, 566-3986.

Anne Oncken, Grants and Cultural Programs Assistant, 566-3986.

ARTSCAPES - Anne Oncken stated that ArtsScapes will be first to have their application process on-line for the next application cycle.

In the 05 - 06 year, all but one grantee completed their proposed projects and received payment. The diverse group included such grantees as River City Theatre, (presenting 2 shows), Sacramento Blues Society (performing 17 concerts), Pink Toupee Collective, and Flamenco Puro. Demographically, grants reached from North Sacramento's Roberts Family Development Center to, Grand Salsa reaching demographically and Uptown Arts producing Arts Banners on Del Paso Blvd.

7. Update: Railyard's proposed Arts Facilities

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Barbara Bonebrake, Director, Convention, Culture and Leisure, 808-1933.

Bonebrake reported that a Performing Arts Facility is only in concept stage, but "with lots of buzz and excitement." There is no land or money currently earmarked. The project may be in the \$300 - \$400 million dollar range.

8. Discussion: Commissioner Name Tags

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Charles Barr, Commissioner, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3992.

Commission and city staff could have them within a week for price of \$14.00 each. Reaction includes reducing the badge size, enlarging font for the name and using a magnetic attachment.

Nicole Limon will work with Barr to verify how people want their name listed on the badge. Halpern thanked Barr for spearheading the initiative.

9. Chair's Report: 30th Anniversary Celebration, Review Commission Process May - August, Brown Act update, Dates for next Retreat (proposed dates: Sept. 25, 26, or Oct 2, 12-4pm)

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Jan Geiger, Chair, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3992.

Important Upcoming dates:

- May 14th 2:00 p.m. next staff meeting at 2030 Del Paso Blvd, Commission Office.
- April 17th w/lunch 11:45 - 4:00 p.m. is the Strategic Visioning at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, enter near I street. Park at 10th and I streets.
- September 25th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. was selected for the Retreat Date.

Timeline for commission leadership change is: May - Nominations for Chair, and June - Election of Chair and appointment of a vice chair. New Chair takes over in July, 2007.

30th Anniversary will take place on October 13, 2007 from - mid-afternoon till 9:00 p.m. Past and present staff will be honored. Roberta McClellan is chairing the planning committee and Zenaida is the SMAC representative on the committee.

May 12th Art in River Park at the Scottish Rite Temple 10-4:00 Jan will coordinate the scheduling for volunteers.

10. **Director's Report:** Review of Agency Report, Resolutions Update, Personnel Plans, Hewlett Foundation's report on Next Generation Arts Leaders, A&C insert, FIG seat update, agency grants update

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Rhyena Halpern, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3989.

- May 12th "Get Creative" at Oak Park .
- June 15th Save 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for the Hewlett Foundation event.
- Permanent GCP Coordinator Position will be posted in Beginning of May
- The APP Administrator and Permanent GCP Coordinator Positions will be posted in early May.
- A CAC grant award will help fund CAP (Community Arts Program) and ARI (Artists in Residence) will be \$15,000 - \$18,000 range.
- SMAC is working on other arts grants, including Preserve America.
- Business Plan is moving along strongly with discovery interviews and round tables and we are looking forward to next week's session on April 17, 2007.

Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda

Barr: Stated B Street Theatre is receiving a \$10,000 from the Irvine Foundation and is still in competition for a substantial grant. de la Cuesta said VAPAC (Visual and Performing Arts Charter School) will be shutting doors and converting to the Sacramento Arts Conservatory at end of this year. Park announced the Call for Artists at California State Fair. For the first time, they will be accepting digital media. There is nearly \$15,000 in prize money available. Park requested more youth and young adults and wants to consider as an agenda item. Halpern recommends an agenda item for the May meeting. Park will be writing it up.

Halpern recommends getting the item onto the agenda to follow the strategic planning. Goal is to avoid impulse and to work toward strategic planning with all items agenzized.

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting is adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Abbreviations

AE=Arts Education

AIS=Artists in Schools

APP=Art in Public Places

TIG=Teacher Incentive Grant

GCP=Grants & Cultural Programs

NAP=Neighborhood Arts Program

STAB=Stabilization

VAC=Visual Arts Committee

ED=Executive Director

CTTC=Cultural Tourism & Travel Coalition

CT=Cultural Tourism

PL=Poet Laureate

CAA= Cultural Arts Awards