

MINUTES OF THE
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION

January 4, 1978

3:00 P.M.

Housing & Redevelopment Conference Room

Commission Members Present:

Gloria Flores
Muriel Johnson
Doreen Mauk
Maurice Read
Emily Strand
Ken Waterstreet
Jane Watkins
Judith Weintraub
Susan Willoughby
Edward Beimfohr

Commission Members Absent (excused):

John King

The meeting of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Ed Beimfohr at 4:00 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without correction.

SPECIAL GUESTS

none

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Personnel

Commission Chair Beimfohr reported that he had received a call from City Manager Walter Slipe that morning saying he had not yet completed his background checks on the five final candidates for executive director and therefore could not meet with the Commission as scheduled at 3:00 p.m. today. He will contact Beimfohr before the end of the week to report on the progress he is making.

Art in Public Places

Commission Chair Beimfohr reported that Arturo Singh, an artist who applied but was not selected for the parking garage competition, spoke before the

City Council on January 3rd protesting the selection procedure. Commissioner Willoughby was in attendance at the meeting and answered questions from Council members. She reported that the Council asked the City Attorney to determine if there had been any conflict of interest. Beimfohr read a letter he had received from Mr. Slipe asking for information on the Commission's 1) process for selecting artists, 2) criteria used in making the selections, 3) procedure for selecting jury members and 4) safeguards utilized to avoid potential conflicts of interest. The letter was referred to Commissioner Read, Chair of the APP Committee, for a response.

Commissioner Read reported that the next meeting of the APP Committee would be on January 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Housing and Redevelopment first floor conference room. The subject will be the selection of art work for the new Robertson Community Center. Members of the Del Paso Heights Project Area Committee have been invited to attend.

CETA

Chair Susan Willoughby reported that the CETA exhibition at ARTSPACE would close on January 7. She also reported that since the Commission would not have a director as soon as anticipated, the City Manager's staff would agree to the transfer of the City CETA program from the Los Rios Community College District to the Commission before the new director arrives, provided that the Commission authorize one Commission member to direct the program. It was moved, seconded, and passed (without opposition) that the Commission assume responsibility for the City CETA Community Artist program as of February 1, 1978. Willoughby was authorized to direct the program. The City Council will have to approve the transfer before any further action can be taken. Willoughby was asked to check on the salaries paid to CETA artists in other cities.

Research and Planning

Chair Muriel Johnson reported that Clark Mitze, Director of the California Arts Council, did not attend their January 3rd meeting as had been announced. The Committee did discuss goals and objectives for both the Committee and the Commission, and they will be ready to make a report to the Commission in February.

Johnson announced that the next R & P Committee meeting would be on January 24th at 3 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room. Sam Burns, director of the Sacramento Community Center, would be their to discuss the Center's Theater, especially usage and fees charged.

Johnson reported that the Committee thought it would be nice to have a welcoming social event when the new director is appointed, inviting Commission members, Supervisors, Council members, and some City and County staff. Commissioner Weintraub has volunteered to have the event at her home.

Finance

The Finance Committee will have its first meeting on January 12th at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Mauk has joined the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Ed Beimfohr reported that he had met with Leith Johnson and D. R. Wagner concerning the Town Meeting to be held on January 27th to select art work for the State Personnel Building. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's Center, 15th and J Streets, from 7 - 10 p.m. Beimfohr has sent public service copy to all radio stations announcing the meeting.

Commissioner Read said he had nothing to report on the selection of a logo for the Commission. There will be a item in the Artists and Art Directors Club newsletter that goes out next week.

Commissioner Read also asked if County appointees to the Commission were going to receive any stipend. It was reported that the matter had come before the Board of Supervisors and had been referred to the County Executive. He is to report back to the Board some time in January.

NEW BUSINESS

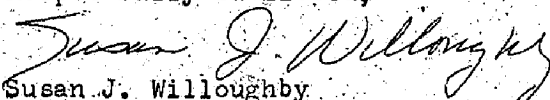
Chair Beimfohr reported that he had been contacted by Chuck Evens of the San Juan School District Fine Arts Council. They want to develop a publicity campaign for arts in general, and for arts in the schools in particular. They want to develop radio and TV copy, and want to know if the Commission would like to work with them. Commissioners Weintraub and Strand will contact the Council for more details. Commissioner Read said he would also be interested in helping.

Commissioner Weintraub brought up the fact that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission would be on January 18th at 7:30 p.m. This will conflict with the opening of the 2nd Annual Sacramento Film Festival. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Commission change its meeting time on January 18th to 3:00 p.m. to avoid the conflict.

Members of the audience introduced themselves -- Charles Johnson, Sacramento Bee; Charles Watkins; Miriam Grey, Sacramento Regional Arts Council; and Lynn Zarick. Ms. Zarick works with Childrens Theater at the Old Eagle Theater and offered to work with the Commission to develop a GETA program for Childrens Theater.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan J. Willoughby
Acting Secretary

Motion:

	Aye	No	Absent or not voting
Flores	4:15	4:45	4:15
Johnson	4:00		
King			excused - ^{no} transportation
Mauk	4:00		
Read	4:00		
Strand	4:00		
Waterstreet	4:00		
Watkins	4:00		
Weintraub	4:00		
Willoughby	4:00		
Beimfohr (Chair)	4:00		

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION -- ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion: Accept resp. for CETA program now

	Aye	No	Absent or not voting
Flores			✓
Johnson	✓		
King			✓
Mauk	✓		
Read	✓		
Strand	✓		
Waterstreet	✓		
Watkins	✓		
Weintraub	✓		
Willoughby	✓		
Beimfohr (Chair)	✓		