

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 12, 1995
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Sacramento Marina
2710 Ramp Way

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COMMISSIONERS:

Vera L. Davis	W. Kearse McGill
Gerry N. Kamilos	Sandra Yee
Quan Van Le	Dennis Yep
Anthony P. Marquez	

- I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:14 pm. All Commissioners present except Kamilos and Yep.
- II. APPROVE AGENDA OF APRIL 12, 1995
Moved: McGill; seconded: Le
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 1995
Moved: Marquez; seconded: Davis
Ayes: Unanimous

Discussion notes from the March 8, 1995 Commission meeting to be corrected as follows: Item IX.A. - Commissioner Marquez requested a presentation to the Commission of Charles Gaines' revised artwork proposal. Item IX.E. - There is a budget of \$2,600 for this project.

IV. PRESENTATION(S) -

"Neighborhood Arts Program" - Alpha Bruton, Neighborhood Arts Consultant, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

Three projects are underway with the Neighborhood Arts Program. Two Technical Assistance workshops have taken place. A Focus Group workshop was held on March 8 for Late Night Sacramento. Color copies were shown of slides taken at the workshop. March 17 was the start date for Late Night Sacramento at some of the seven sites in Sacramento County. Other sites begin programs on April 21. Programs include, but are not limited to, mural art, aerosol art,

media production and performing arts. Arts programs are expected to be provided at all sites; five in the county and two in the city. Commissioner Davis asked if there was a relationship with Friday Night Live. It was stated that though information was passed out at the March 8 Focus Group, there is no relationship.

On March 18, another Focus Group workshop was held. Approximately thirty-five individuals attended, including youth, representatives from social service and community organizations, and artists. Mr. Sal Streett facilitated the workshop where he trained youth to lead focus groups in brainstorming sessions. Many of the youth want to have this type of training again (as reported in their evaluation responses). Nicole Haynes, as a representative of the Arts Commission for youth, is being trained to coordinate activities and to outreach with the arts and youth. Nicole will be report back to the Commission. Youth from every district are participating in programs. Many of those who attended the March 18 Focus Group returned to participate in the Mural and Aerosol Arts Summit.

The second Mural and Aerosol Art Summit was held April 8, 1995. It was also well attended, with a good balance of youth and representatives from social service agencies or City Departments. Panels provided information on Youth Led Mural Projects, Prevention Programs - Late Night Sacramento, Mentor/Apprentice Projects, Collaborative Projects with Community Based Organizations - La Familia Counseling Center, Graffiti: Urban resistance, Abatement and Prevention, Laws and their Effect on Youth and Murals, and Healthy Murals and Healthy Artists: Responsibility and Maintenance, as well as mural demonstrations. As a result of the panels, additional Technical Assistance workshops will be held.

Material was handed out on "Wallspeak," and Art in Public Places Neighborhood Murals Program. "Wallspeak" is a partnership program between the Community and Visitor Services Department Metropolitan Arts Division and the Neighborhood Services Department Anti-Graffiti Program.

The presentation on "Arts Education Artists in Schools Program" will be given at the May 12 Commission meeting by Arts Education Consultant Victoria Plata.

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

VI. ACTION ITEMS (A-B):

A. APPROVE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS (YEE)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE LESLIE MEHREN AND CHOOI GOH AS NEW MEMBERS TO THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved: Marquez; seconded: Davis
Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 2
Motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE ARTISTS FOR COUNTY CORONER AND CRIME LAB APP PROJECTS (GEE)

The Commission viewed the maquette done by artist Randall Shiroma. Slides were viewed of slides submitted by quilt artists.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ARTISTS FOR THE COUNTY CORONER AND CRIME LAB BUILDING: FOR THE ROTUNDA AREA, RANDALL SHIROMA; FOR THE LOBBY QUILTS, DEE DANLEY-BROWN, PATRICIA PRATT, CHAMY THOR, AND THE TEAM OF BARBARA HOCKENSMITH, DORIS BOURGEOIS, AND LENORE DEAN.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved: Marquez; seconded: McGill
Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 2
Motion passed unanimously.

Slides were shown at this time of Cheryl Riley's Art in Public Places project at the Meadowview Community Center. Over 4,000 tiles were installed. The Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for June 10.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT - None.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE

The City is expecting a deficit in the budget for the next fiscal year. Director Walker is preparing scenarios for possible budget cuts to the Arts Commission budget of 5- 10%, with the intention of keeping programs in tact.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. AWARDS (Heller) - Recommendations for revisions to the Cultural Arts Awards Guidelines and Panelists Handbook have been received from the community and the Ad Hoc Committee. Over the past few months, three public meetings, as well as several Ad Hoc Committee meetings were held to discuss possible changes. Recommendations for revisions will be made at the Awards Committee meeting on April 24 and to the Commission at the May 10 meeting.
Fellowship applications will be reviewed this Friday and recommendations for awards will be made at the May 10 Commission meeting as well.
- B. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Raisler) - No report.
- C. ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (Marquez) - No report.
- D. FUND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Kamilos) - No report.
- E. PERFORMING ARTS (Le) - The premier edition of the Performing Arts Committee's newsletter *Dialogue* has been sent out. An application soliciting performers for the Downtown Plaza is in the newsletter. There have been several responses thus far. The Committee continues to look for a co-sponsor for the Wednesday evening performances, which will take place approximately 6 - 7:30 pm. The Downtown Plaza Associates will publicize the performances, with artists promoting themselves as well.
The Committee wants to continue to expand their goals to include holding public forums, technical assistance, advocacy, and to act as a clearinghouse representative for tickets to events.
Director Walker suggested the Committee look into various ways to raise funds from future programs/projects to become self-sufficient.
- F. VISUAL ARTS (Hurley) - Dr. Hurley reported that he visited the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. not long ago and it was a wonderful experience. At the last Committee meeting, Holly Junker stated that the Live/Work Space Surveys will be evaluated. In a final wrap-up meeting of the Phoenix Exhibition, 20 program changes were suggested as improvements for a possible show next year. A timeline is being developed. Regina Macias reported on a Multimedia Forum on the State of the Arts, which will be held May 6, from 6:30 - 8:15 pm, at La Raza/Galeria Posada. This event is co-sponsored by the Center for California Studies and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission's Visual Arts Committee. James Nash is continuing to develop a format for a newsletter, which may be combined with the Performing Arts Committee's newsletter. Articles are being worked on. Maru Hoerber is developing a concept for an Art Furniture show. She's expected to have a report for the next meeting.
- G. FRINGE ARTS FESTIVAL (Heller) - There are five weeks to go till the festival on May 20. A Volunteer Orientation on will be held on April 19. The festival will take place at various venues on K Street, between 10th and 13th Streets, from 10 am - midnight. All outside events are free; \$6 will purchase a wristband for entry into all of the indoor events. Fellowship Awards will be presented at the festival.
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X. AD HOC REPORTS

- A. Advocacy (Kamilos) - No report.
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XI. FRIENDS REPORT - No report.

I. OLD BUSINESS - None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS - None.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - None.

XV. INFORMATION REPORTS - None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made at the hour of 5:48 pm to adjourn. Moved: Marquez; seconded: Davis.
Motion passed unanimously.

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