

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 16, 2003
12:00-1:30pm

2030 Del Paso Blvd.
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COMMISSIONERS:

STEVEN DOERR
JOHN WONG
NAN MAHON
DAPHNE GAWTHROP, CHAIR
MARTIN VALE

DONALD SRONCE
JAN GEIGER
GLORIA WOODLOCK
JOANNA DE LA CUESTA
MARGIE PARK

I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 12:02 p.m. by Chair Gawthrop.

Present: de la Cuesta, Gawthrop, Geiger, Mahon, Sronce, Wong, Doerr Excused: Vane, Woodlock,

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF APRIL 16, 2003:

Moved: Sronce Seconded: Geiger Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2003 WITH CORRECTIONS:

Moved: Sronce Seconded: Wong Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

It was noted that Sronce's name was misspelled in the minutes of 3/19/03. Director Walker referred to March minutes that note that only the ballet loan was approved. The Opera is hiring a new executive director to start in May. Commissioners agreed that was what they recalled

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES): Update on Poet Laureate Program (Halpern/Montoya): This item was addressed later in the meeting. Artsclapes guidelines and applications were handed out, as well as the latest insert for the Visitors' Guide and the Smithsonian insert.

Jose Montoya was introduced and he discussed the Flor y Canto Festival to be held in 2004. The program grew out of a movement from the 70's and was very successful. This Flor y Canto Festival has a multi-cultural youth and elder component,

where young poets are guided by elders and established poets. This festival will include diverse poetry and storytelling. Sacramento State will provide the money for the poets and will raise money for honorariums. The festival is planned for 2 days but could be 3. Montoya needs to keep track of the number of people he speaks to and performs for in order to quantify his position for future Poets Laureate. Halpern wants a website counter for the Flor y Canto site. The Superintendent of Education Department should commend the festival; new Commissioner Park will make the contact. A suggestion was made that we get VIPs to read poetry to raise money for the festival. Mahon volunteered to help on Poet Laureate Committee.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. APPROVE REQUEST OF \$5,000 DESIGN CONTRACT FOR MICHAEL BISHOP FOR ALHAMBRA RESERVOIR PROJECT PROJECT (CITY) (MOTTOLA):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Sronce Seconded: Doerr Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 Abstain: 1 Absent: 2

Michael Bishop has planned on creating a grid, clock dial and branch on the water tower. "The river flows into the reservoir and the grid is the distribution system." His work is conceptual and minimal and the community loves it. He likes to involve the community and chronicle people's interaction with his art. He gives a bit of history of the building. He will also put a female pouring water out of a vessel; there will be vessels located around the tower. Time capsules will be cast within the vessels and the stories will be passed down from generation to generation about them. They are never meant to be seen. Steve Cohn, the City Councilperson, has approved the idea and is enthused. Wong was disappointed with the design for this site. He felt an opportunity to have a city icon was missed. The APP Committee itself requested some enhancement of the design.

- B. APPROVE REVIEW OF ARTS PLAN (SHRA) DEL PASO MEDICAL ARTS CENTER (MOTTOLA):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Geiger Seconded: Mahon Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Even though the Del Paso Medical Center was not required to have APP's approval, they requested assistance. They plan to have lobby art and landscaping, possibly functional art in a bike rack or bench. This will be referred to the small project slide bank possibly. It's in a redevelopment area.

- C. APPROVE PROPOSAL BY JENNY HALE FOR COUNTY NORTH AREA RECOVERY STATION (COUNTY) (MOTTOLA):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Geiger Seconded: Mahon Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Artist Jenny Hale presented her maquette of a sculpture using recycled materials. She has done 4 other commissions for Waste Management, and they invited her to present again in this non required APP project. The sculpture will be located at the entrance of the transfer station. Galvanized garbage cans will be on top, the middle layer will be industrial drums; she will stencil on aluminum shaped like cans for the smallest layer, and there will be melted aluminum in the center. There will be no APP fee collected for this project.

VI. PRESENTATION (S): None

VII. DISCUSSION: New Commissioner, Margie Park, was presented to the Commission. Her first official meeting will be in May, but chose to observe and contribute. She will prove a true asset to the Commission, with her contacts and background. She represents the first district for the County.

Commissioner Sronce had some concerns about the meetings continuing at noon, as he had some negative phone calls that he wanted addressed. He also requested that lunches be banned during presentations. It was agreed that this could be distracting to artists and observers. Lunches will be served at 11:30 for those who wish to eat, and the meeting can begin at noon. The agenda and minutes may be perused during the lunch half-hour to facilitate the speed of the actual meeting. The Chair will attempt to keep the meeting length to 1 ½ hours.

VIII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Walker discussed the City and County budgets and the impact on the Arts Commission. Most likely, the State's budget won't be approved until after the election.

The Arts Commission brokered the Second Saturday liquor licenses, with Friends sponsorship for some. Only 6 galleries took advantage of this service, with others not caring to participate or no longer serving wine. There will be a new call for artists for the small project slide bank. The deadline for the previous call for artists was in March and APP received 50 applications, most of which were unacceptable or of inferior quality. APP is looking to extend the geographical range or just take the deadline off and make it a continuous acceptance.

XI. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned: 1:40 p.m.

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2003