

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: December 11, 2006
1:30pm-3:00pm

Historic City Hall Council Chambers
915 I St.

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I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 1:35 p.m.

Present: Geiger, Barr, De La Cuesta, Mahon, Miller, Gorfain, Tachera
Late: Merksamer and Pane (Arrived during APP "Marysville" Report.)
Late: Park-Landau (Arrived during CAA Grant Report.)

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 11, 2006 All Ayes

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006 All Ayes

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

A. RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW APP AND VAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS (BLOOM)

Nancy Gottart nominated Larry Meeks to become a member of the APP Committee.
Kim Curry-Evans nominated Krista Ferns to become a community member of the VA Committee.
Motion: Bloom, Second: Barr All Ayes.

COMMISSION ACTION: Motion: Bloom, Second: Barr Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

B. APPROVE: MARYSVILLE ARTS PLAN (BLOOM)

Bloom presented the Marysville Arts Plan to be built on Marysville Blvd. Allen Warren is the developer with New Phase Development. APP will be the consultant. SHRA budget is a total of \$50K, with \$5,000 for administration and \$45K for the Art Project. The art site is on the side of building with a glass element and lighting, providing a landmark for the Blvd., and carrying on into the interior space. The APP Committee can make artist recommendations for regional or California artists for the developer.

COMMISSION ACTION: Motion: del la Cuesta Second: Tachera Ayes: 9 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

C. APPROVE; POET LAUREATE PARK ARTS PLAN (BLOOM/LAZANSKY)

The project is a Poet Laureate Park, with artwork that will function as a repository for poetry by Sacramento's Poet Laureates. The location is South Natomas Community Center and Library which already has public art work inside the library. Total budget is \$131K with Poet Laureate Program setting funds aside for future installation fees. Selection process is expected to be a modified open call from two former sources from the **South Natomas Project (15 artists)** and eligible artists from the APP RFQ from October, 2006. Selection committee will include library staff and Poet Laureate, Julia Connor, and other artists who have expertise in the visual and literary arts.

COMMISSION ACTION: Motion: Miller Second: Tachera Ayes: 9 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

D. APPROVE: CAA GRANT AWARDS (ROSENBERG/AULENBACHER)

Staff is seeking approval of funding for the 2007-09 Cultural Arts Awards. The Panel met in October, 2006. The total request was \$2,505,592, of which \$700,622.95 was funded. Pie charts were presented that represent the breakout by type of arts groups and locations. All 57 applicants were scored within fundable range and are being recommended for funding. Halpern commended Aulenbacher and Rosenberg for the excellent facilitation of the panel as well as the technical assistance provided all of which helped to overcome a past history of appeals. Halpern reiterated that graphs on pages 10 - 11 will demonstrate our accountability across the region to City Council members and the County Board of Supervisors. Geiger noted that the funding breakdown was richly diverse.

COMMISSION ACTION: The vote to approve proposed funding for the Arts and Business Council was passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, 1 abstention by Commissioner Geiger. The vote to approve proposed funding for the Crocker Art Museum and California Musical Theater was passed with 9 yes, 0 no, 2 absent and 1 abstention by Commissioner Merksamer. The vote to approve proposed funding for the Sacramento Youth Symphony was passed with 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, 2 abstentions by Commissioners Merksamer and Gorfain. The vote to approve proposed funding for the remaining 53 applicants was passed with a vote of 10 yes, 0 no, 2 absent and 0 abstentions.

VI. UPDATE:

Halpern thanked everyone involved in the planning and participation of the Training/Game Show Event. Universal feedback was that the event was very positive experience but too long.

VII. PRESENTATIONS: City Leadership Workshop – Remi Mendoza

Remi Mendoza – Planner for the City of Sacramento, Long-range Planning Department

Remi explained that Commissioners should have received an invitation and letter from Mayor Heather Fargo for the City Leadership Workshop on February 20, 2007. This will take place at the Library Galleria from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m., and will include the Mayor and City Council members, City Charter

members and City Department heads. The focus will be on the General Plan's responsiveness to expected regional growth in next ten years. Thirty public workshops were held across the region, covering topics such as planning for the expansion, transportation, tall buildings and urban sprawl. The workshop results will be presented. Invitees will also have a chance to contribute ideas as well. Event will be fun, interactive, with visual simulations and engaging exercises. Hold date, **February 20, 2007, 5 – 9 pm**. A follow up letter will be forthcoming with RSVP information.

VII. **WORKSHOPS: Parliamentary Procedure Training – Stephanie Mizuno**
Mizuno reviewed the topics related to Establishing Documents, Communication, Flow of Action, Categories of Presentation Items, Motions, Voting and Commission Attendance. (An overview of that presentation will be ready in March).

VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

IX. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Geiger stated that there will be no Commission meeting in January, 2007.

X. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
The Director's Report was included in the packet.

XI. **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS:**

XII. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY:**

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, February 12, 2007 AT 1:30 P.M.
AT HISTORIC CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

AEO=Arts Education & Outreach
APP=Art in Public Places
GCP=Grants & Cultural Programs
STAB=Stabilization
ED=Executive Director
CT=Cultural Tourism
CAA= Cultural Arts Awards

AIS=Artists in Schools
TIG=Teacher Incentive Grant
NAP=Neighborhood Arts Program
VAC=Visual Arts Committee
CTTC=Cultural Tourism & Travel Coalition
PL=Poet Laureate