



*July 14, 2008 – 2:00 P.M.*

*Historic City Hall Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
915 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814*

All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission unless otherwise noted.

**Call to Order – 2:03 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**   **Present:** Barr, Curry-Evans, de la Cuesta, Finnegan, Gorfain, Merksamer, Pane, Sandefur, Tachera  
                  **Absent:** Miller  
                  **Late:** Park-Landau

**Consent**

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

1.   **Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2008**  
      Recommendation: Approve Meeting Minutes  
      Contact: Gloria Bacani, Office Manager, 566-3992

**Action:** Noted that Curry-Evans did not second the motion to nominate and approve Curry-Evans as vice chair. Minutes for June 9, 2008 approved as corrected.

**Action / Discussion Items**

2.   **Proposal for One-Time Extension of 2007 – 2009 Cultural Arts Award Cycle**  
      Recommendation: Approve the proposal by Grants and Cultural Programs (GCP) staff for one-time extension of the 2007-2009 Cultural Arts Award Cycle  
      Contact: Anja Aulenbacher, GCP Coordinator, 566-3986

**Action:** Moved by Barr; Seconded by de la Cuesta. Motion carried with an 8-0 vote for one-time extension of the 2007-2009 Cultural Arts Award Cycle. Member Curry-Evans and Chair Merksamer abstained, member Miller absent.

**3. Proposal for Sierra II Community Center Project**

Recommendation: Approve the proposal for artwork by Peter Bartczak for the interior hallway of the Sierra II Community Center

Contact: Shelly Willis, APP Administrator, 566-3971

**Action:** Noted that Willis will act as mentor. Moved by de la Cuesta; Seconded by Gorfain. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote to approve the proposal for artwork by Peter Bartczak for the interior hallway of the Sierra II Community Center. Member Park-Landau abstained, member Miller absent.

**4. Proposal for Southside and Fremont Community Gardens Projects**

Recommendation: Approve the proposal for artworks by Larry Meeks, Numan H. Begovic, Solomon Bassoff, Patrick Collentine and Susan Larsen for the Southside and Fremont Community Gardens

Contact: Shelly Willis, APP Administrator, 566-3971

**Action:** Noted that: projects fall under Community Development Bloc Grant; SMAC is tracking hours and services provided; artworks will be part of APP collection; public will have access to the Gardens/artworks; parties responsible for maintenance of artwork is to be determined. Moved by de la Cuesta; Seconded by Sandefur. Motion carried with a 10-0 vote to approve the proposal for artworks by Meeks et al for the Southside and Fremont Community Gardens. Member Miller absent.

**5. Proposal for Pocket Library Project**

Recommendation: Approve the proposal for artwork for two interior glass works by Mildred Howard for the Pocket Library

Contact: Shelly Willis, APP Administrator, 566-3971

**Discussion:** Public testimony given by Donald Sronce

**Action:** Questions and concerns raised by Commissioners included:

1. Particularly because the Pocket area of Sacramento is a flood zone, the issue of flooding is sensitive and should be reconsidered as the primary concept for the artwork.
2. The artist's proposal was vague and should be made more specific regarding materials, imagery, budget, and installation methods before approval.
3. The artist may want to consider that the school at the sight is technology based.

Moved by Gorfain; Seconded by Curry-Evans. Motion carried with a 10-0 vote to place artist Howard under contract. Member Miller absent.

**6. Sacramento International Airport Public Art Plan**

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Shelly Willis, APP Administrator, 566-3971

**Action:** Questions and concerns raised by Commissioners included: 1. more art program opportunities should be open to artists beyond the Sacramento region, 2. protection and cost of managing endowment, direct purchases, 3. Eligibility by geographic parameters reconsidered, 4. The south lawn art opportunity should be broadened. Staff will incorporate comments into Art Plan. Noted that Plan will be voted on at August 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting and September 9, 2008 City Council meeting. Received and filed.

**7. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on SMAC Governance**

Recommendation: Approve recommendation of Ad Hoc Committee

Contact: Linda Merksamer, Chair, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3992

**Discussion:** Public testimony given by Donald Sronce.

**Action:** Noted that approval of office of City Attorney is not required to move forward with recommendation of Ad Hoc Committee. Moved by Curry-Evans; Seconded by Barr. Motion carried with a 9-0 vote to approve recommendation of Ad Hoc Committee. Members Park-Landau and Miller absent.

**8. Update:** California State Fair Representatives needed from SMAC

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**Contact:** Erika Kraft, Arts Education Coordinator, 566-3983

**Action:** Noted that members Pane and de la Cuesta will staff SMAC vendor table. Received and filed.

**9. Chair's Report:** Start date of new term for Chair, August reception

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Linda Merksamer, Chair, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3992

**Action:** Received and filed.

**10. Director's Report:** Agency Report, Location of future Commission meetings, Marketing update, Funding update, Staffing update, U.S. Bank Tour, County Ethics Training, preview of upcoming items.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Rhyena Halpern, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, 566-3992

**Action:** Noted that future Commission meetings will be at SMAC office. Marketing, Funding, and Staffing updates continued to August Commission meeting. Received and filed.

**Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda**

- a. Kevin Santos-Coy – Second Saturday application process

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members** - None.

**Adjournment:** 4:20pm

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