

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

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

2030 Del Paso Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

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COMMISSIONERS:

STEVEN DOERR	DONALD SRONCE
JOHN WONG	JAN GEIGER
NAN MAHON	GLORIA WOODLOCK
DAPHNE GAWTHROP, CHAIR	JOANNA DE LA CUESTA
MARTIN VALE	MARGI PARK
LINDA MERKSAMER	

I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 12:04 p.m. by Chair Gawthrop.

Present: de la Cuesta, Doerr, Gawthrop, Mahon, Merksamer, Sronce, Wong, Vale
Excused: Geiger, Park, Woodlock

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF JULY 16, 2003:

Moved: Sronce Seconded: Wong Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2003:

Moved: de la Cuesta Seconded: Merksamer Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES): None

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE REOPENING OF SLIDE BANK/REISSUING OF CALL FOR ARTISTS (BLOOM):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Sronce Seconded: Wong Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

Bloom stated that the APP Committee had discussion about augmenting the slide bank from Sacramento County only. The members reviewed and need a higher quality of artists. Bloom asked the Commission to consider to re-release slide bank to artists in Placer and Yolo as well as Sacramento County. Director Walker suggested that we do some outreach in our own community for artists. Wong suggested adding more counties in the slide bank to bring out quality. Bloom said it is difficult to wait three years for another project if picked by the slide bank.

B. APPROVE ARTS PLAN FOR UPCOMING CITY PARKS PROJECTS (BLOOM/MOTTOLA):

APPROVE USE OF SLIDE BANK AS IT EXISTS: Moved: Sronce Seconded: Wong Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

APPROVE EXTENTION OF NATOMAS PARK BUDGET: Moved: Doerr Seconded: Merksamer Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

APPROVE REGENCY PARK CALL FOR ARTISTS: Moved: Sronce Seconded: de la Cuesta Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

APPROVE THREE SMALL PARK PROJECTS ARTS PLAN: Moved: de la Cuesta Seconded: Vale Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

APPROVE DUKE CAHILL DONATION STIPULATION BY FEASIBILITY: Moved: Merksamer Seconded: Sronce Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

Bloom said the projects would be selected from the slide bank. She continued that the Duke Cahill sculptures of a cat, dog and robot would be included into these parks. Bloom thinks that the Cahill sculptures would not be sturdy in their present state nor hold up during moving. She said the sculptures are made of cement and barrels but would like to get a forensic expert to see the condition of the structures. Bloom continued that Regency Park will have a call for artists and Larry Meeks will create a proposal for the remaining budget for Natomas Park. Bloom stated that Meeks has delayed his APP Committee seat until December until this project has been completed. The budget for these parks will be \$16,000 with \$4,000 taken out for administration costs: Shorebird will have \$4000, Tot Lot \$2100, and Natomas West will have \$2800. Bloom suggested that the projects to be combined and to look for an artist to develop a video or other project with the works rotating between sites, in the communities served by the parks.

C. APPROVE BARANDAS PARK PROPOSAL (TARNASKY/BLOOM):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Doerr Seconded: Wong Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 3

Tarnasky stated that this project is in North Natomas Park with an art budget of \$15,000. He continued saying Viktor Verhovodov has been chosen from the slide bank by APP Committee. Tarnasky concluded that Verhovodov is using items from the City Corpyard for his sculpture. Verhovodov said that the park is where people make connections and will be making four sculptures with abstraction looking like people. He continued stating the idea came from his mother and observation of people in the park. Verkhovodov will use steel wrapped around rocks that signifies man made wrapped around nature. Merksamer asked about the possibility of graffiti on the sculpture and Verkhovodov will put a sealant on the rocks in case of graffiti. Parks and Recreation will help supplement with the foundation along with the Barandas family.

VI. PRESENTATION (S): None

VII. DISCUSSION: City Hall Expansion Project: Bloom stated that the arts plan was approved in December and that the Arts Reporter released only general information about the City Hall RFQ. Bloom and Vice Chair Sronce have attende

City Council Ad Hoc meetings for the last couple of months. Recently some of the issues connected to the City Hall APP RFQ have centered around: 1.) An emphasis for Sacramento artists and 2.) The type of artwork (representational, nonconceptual or abstract and reflective of Sacramento). City Council has never requested approval of an RFQ from SMAC before—they only approve contracts over \$100,000. Bloom said the Ad Hoc committee consists of Mayor Fargo, Yee, Waters, Cohn and Mayor Representative Concilino and Assistant City Manager Masuoka. Sronce added that he and Bloom have worked on this process for a few years and had the input from the builders and contractors. He expressed the opinion that the Council members may try to circumvent the panel process procedure. Chair Gawthrop said it is important that not just elected officials, but the public understand the integrity of the public process and the fact that the works belong to the public and not any one individual. Gawthrop went on to state the Commissioners, Committee Members, Staff and Elected Officials must be mindful, especially when purchasing works of existing art or designing the RFQ/P that personal opinions are to be set aside in the interest of the public who we serve. We have a democratic not an autocratic process. Sronce said that the City Hall is the taxpayer's house. Doerr stated that he didn't mind the elected officials soliciting for their own artwork but it should be paid for privately as Board Member Muriel Johnson did last year. Director Walker said she would set up meetings with four (4) Council Members, Commissioners, APP Staff & herself to review the RFQ prior to Council action in September.

Mackay stated that he and Sronce met with the Interim City Manager Chuck Cate of Rancho Cordova; Elk Grove City Manager and Mayor which were preliminary meetings and very productive. He said there is interest in public art and city hall galleries Sronce and Mackay will be meeting with Citrus Heights City Planner. Director Walker and Rosenberg are following up with meetings to their Arts/Cultural Committees. Sronce said that this is part of our marketing plan to establish a connection with the new incorporated cities in hopefully that they will participate

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| VIII. | PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None |
| IX. | CHAIR'S REPORT: None. |
| X. | DIRECTOR'S REPORT: County Budget: Director Walker stated that SMAC received a 15% county cut instead of a 60% cut because the arts community patrons started petitions and wrote letters to the elected officials. SMAC received a 2.5% increase from the City of Sacramento in which SMAC received a total 5% cut overall for the agency. |
| XI. | OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: None |
| XII. | ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned: 2:07 p.m. |

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2003