

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 21, 1998
3:45-5:00 p.m.

Sacramento International Airport
Terminal A
6900 Airport Blvd.

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COMMISSIONERS:

Michelle Egan

Valerie Drew

Marcy Friedman

Gerry N. Kamilos

Quan Van Le

W. Kearse McGill

R. Burnett Miller

Kendall Person

Gloria A. Woodlock

- I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:01 p.m. by Chair Kamilos. Absent: Woodlock. Excused: Miller, McGill. Resigned: Breit
- II. APPROVED AGENDA OF OCTOBER 21, 1998
Moved: Drew; seconded: Egan
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1998
Moved: Egan; seconded: Drew
Ayes: Unanimous
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES EACH): None
- V. ACTION ITEMS: (None)

VI. PRESENTATION(S): Charles Robertson of the Sacramento Opera Association, Daphne Gawthrop of the Sacramento Ballet Association, and Wendy Armagnac of the Sacramento Theatre Company did updates on their first meeting with NAS and Nancy Sasser. Each organization expressed its gratitude to SMAC for NAS's initial suggestions and involvement with their group. All felt they were benefiting already from NAS's input.

The Opera noted that they had a new artistic director, Tim Rolek. They have increased their board to 14 members; their goal is 25. They have partnered with BVA for a marketing campaign. All 3 organizations have exchanged subscription lists and are receiving a favorable response.

The Ballet said that they really appreciated the self-assessment opportunity that is so rare in non-profit organizations. They feel that that was one of the most valuable benefits of the NAS visit. They too are working on board involvement and public/private partnerships.

STC's new artistic director is Peggy Shannon. Their changes, per NAS suggestion, include: phone and staff changes to increase efficiency, projected budget strategy, and corporate partnerships. They have also streamlined their bookkeeping system.

NAS will return in November to present their draft suggestions for the stabilization of each organization.

Dave Morgan, architect with Public Works, gave a presentation on the new location for SMAC. This is intended as a landmark facility in which SMAC would have condo rights. They are preparing bid proposals now, and estimate that construction would be completed in approximately June of 2001. Public Works will return to report to the Commission in approximately January 1999 for an update.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S): None

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT: None

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

X. OLD BUSINESS OR NEW BUSINESS: There will be a retreat January 9, 1999 for SMAC, the Commission and Friends.

Heller introduced her new part-time assistants, Nina Kavardjikova and Rocky Swinney.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kamilos at 5:20 p.m. to allow the Commissioners to attend the art dedication.

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