

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 20, 2003
12:00-1:30pm

2030 Del Paso Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

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COMMISSIONERS:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 12:10 p.m. by Vice Chair Sronce.

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

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF AUGUST 20, 2003:

Moved: Woodlock Seconded: Vale Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2003:

Moved: Vale Seconded: de la Cuesta Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES): Update on DDSO Event/Photographs (Halpern) Sronce stated that he and Halpern attended the Short Center Event where the funders were honored. Halpern said that three photographs were given to SMAC by the Short Center. Sronce said that the Short Center was established by Mary Short which helps the mentally and physically handicapped to express themselves. Sronce stated that he once worked with Short who established the Short Fund to help the mentally and physically handicapped.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE 2003-2004 ARTSCAPES AWARDEES (HALPERN):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Woodlock Seconded: de la Cuesta Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

Halpern explained that ArtsCAPES was originally the Special Projects grant but changed its name. She said the ArtsCAPES grant was to fund small grass roots community arts groups that best represent California as a cultural destination. Halpern stated that there were 25 applicants and the panel recommended 18 for funding. She commented that the funding will help the groups fund performance festivals and music discs. Halpern introduced Gary Simon from the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau to the Commission. Simon explained that SMAC and SCVB formed a partnership and pledged up to \$5000 to ArtsCAPES recipients best representing California as a cultural destination. He stated that the SCVB decided to fund four organizations for \$2,000.

B. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL BY ELIZABETH SALTOS FOR THE CENTRAL LIBRARY CITY (BLOOM):

COMMISSION ACTION: APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS: Moved: de la Cuesta Seconded: Parks
Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

Bloom said that the Central Library moved the front desk and dissected the art piece made by Saltos. She continued that part of the artwork was saved and that the library negotiated with Saltos about making new artwork. Saltos introduced herself and said that art piece is a working prototype using illuminated words with the basic theme of lifelong learning. She also pointed out that she is using different languages including Braille and sign language. Director Walker suggested that Saltos use dialects from the Sikh and Hindi among with other communities for the right translation. Saltos stated that her sculptures will be aluminum made to look like book pages.

C. APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED SCULPTURE "MOONJUMP" AND APPROVAL OF APP FUNDS (\$3,600) FOR RELOCATION OF SCULPTURE-CITY (BLOOM):

COMMISSION ACTION: MOVED TO ACCEPT PIECE AND FIND PLACEMENT FOR SCULPTURE
Moved: Woodlock Seconded: de la Cuesta Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

Bloom introduced Nadine Sekul, an art consultant to the Commission. Sekul said the art piece was commissioned by Shell Oil years ago, but Shell left the site and new company wants the piece either removed or demolished. She said artist Cynthia Barber wanted only reimbursement for keeping art piece in storage and removing piece. Bloom said that Councilwoman Sheedy was interested in the piece and wanted the sculpture in one of her parks. Sekul held that Shell Oil paid \$20,000 for this work and that the piece represented a phoenix feel to it. Merksamer voiced her concern about the sharp edges and Bloom suggested that the piece be placed on a pedestal or fountain area where children could not reach it.

VI. PRESENTATION (S): None

VII. DISCUSSION: FC Joyce Elementary School Facilitation (Bloom)-Bloom stated that this discussion item is about FC Joyce Elementary School wanting to have a fence with public art. She said the budget would be \$7,900 for the piece and \$2,000 for the facilitating panel.

Bloom said that APP is working with developers to make an arts plan for McClellan and North Highlands. She said developers are refurbishing the buildings on McClellan and are interested in public art. Bloom stated that SHRA would meet with the North Highlands community to design a logo. Director Walker said that the community must become involved with this project. Bloom stated that SHRA is paying for this facilitation and that SMAC has the assistance of County Supervisor Roger Dickinson.

VIII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT: None.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

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, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003