

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 13, 2006
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

915 I Street, 2nd Floor Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

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COMMISSIONERS:

JOHN WONG JENNIFER TACHERA
MARGI PARK NEILL SOOHOO
DON SRONCE JOANNA DE LA CUESTA
JAN GEIGER NAN MAHON
PATTI MILLER LINDA MERKSAMER
CHARLES BARR

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

Present: Barr, de la Cuesta, Geiger, Merksamer, Miller, Park, Sronce, Tachera, Wong
Absent: Soohoo

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF February 13, 2006: All ayes

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF December 12, 2005: All ayes

IV: COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 MINUTES): None.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

A. APPROVAL OF ARTS STABILIZATION PROGRAM 2006-07 MARKETING MINI-GRANT GUIDELINES (ROSENBERG):

The guidelines have been updated only. The main change or clarification is this year's mini-grant is more marketing focused. Organizations must provide project timelines, and state goals for the project. 27 applications were submitted last year; 24 were funded. The first year, 14 applied. Commissioners may attend the workshops. Rosenberg keeps a list of organizations' accomplishments. For instance, Fairy Tale Town has the first Spanish language brochure, thanks to the marketing mini-grant. Merksamer praised Rosenberg and her efforts with the guidelines.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Sronce; seconded: Merksamer. Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

B. APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY EXHIBITION GALLERY GUIDELINES (BLOOM):

There will be an RFP, a panel, the VA Committee will review and make recommendations for shows. The exhibits will rotate 2-3 times a year. The artists will be (mostly) regional. Bloom is trying to negotiate with Sacramento County for a fourth rotating exhibit space. The budget is already established and the curator's fees will come out of that budget. Merksamer questioned the receptions held at SMUD but not other galleries or shows. SMUD pays for the receptions at their request. SMUD does not care to participate in Second Saturday event, but City Hall would be a good venue to tie into it, if security can be worked out. Commissioners want consideration for non-commercial venues for Second Saturday as well.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Sronce; seconded: Mahom. Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

C. APPROVAL OF ANIMAL CARE ARTS PLAN (BLOOM):

It's a standard arts plan. SMAC was involved very early; elevations aren't even available yet. APP was called when the architect was chosen. There will also be a dog park adjacent; those are great opportunities for whimsical, animal-related projects. There is a good budget as well, \$295,000. There will be two projects with 3 proposals each: the entrance and a seating element. There will possibly a sculpture in the courtyard. Regional artists will be chosen. Park volunteered to assist in any way she could.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: de la Cuesta; seconded: Merksamer. Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

D. APPROVAL OF DONATION OF NG HOU PAINTING (BLOOM):

Ng Hou is an artist held in extremely high regard; one of his paintings, "Salt of the Earth," is sited at Crocker Art Museum. He is a local artist who appreciates US law enforcement and the picture he is presenting, "Old Sacramento" depicts actual officers. The picture will be sited at the Convention Center, second floor, off the ballroom. Installation can be expected within a month. A dedication ceremony was approved. Hou stated that he loves the golden light of California, and he wanted to donate this painting to thank his adopted country. His wife, Pat Conway, has a piece at the Embassy Suites.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Miller; seconded: Mahon. Ayes: 10 Noes: 0 Absent: 1

E. APPROVAL OF GRANITE REGIONAL PARK ARTS PLAN (BLOOM):

The artist, Tony Natsoulas, is going to move one of the 5 Tahoe-Tallac park sculptures to nearby Granite Regional Park to free up some budget. The sculptures of 3 or 4 Little League players throughout the ages will remain at Tahoe-Tallac, but one will be adapted to have a dog and skateboard, as there is a dog park and a skateboard park, and a soccer player. Both parks are in the same district.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Sronce; seconded: Miller. Ayes: 9 Noes: 0 Absent: 1 Recused: 1

Chair Geiger gave kudos to Director Walker, who is leaving to run the MAP program, where she will focus on philanthropy. She spoke of Walker's passion for the arts and attention to budget details. Various speakers were introduced who also praised Walker and mentioned her many accomplishments in 14 years of service to the arts.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned for refreshments and called back to order at 2:50.

VI. PRESENTATIONS: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: Postponed, as none are pressing.

Sronce invited Commissioners to view the artwork at Southside Park; it is an amusing sculpture using an Airstream trailer.

Park suggested we have an 800 number for people to get snippets of information about the various art around Sacramento. She said Austin has this and for each piece of art, there's a 4-digit extension where you can hear about particular art pieces; it is an easily-expandable system.

Soohoo can't make Monday meetings, so the option of changing time and day of Commission meetings was brought forward. Commissioners are going to get attendance reports with a matrix showing their attendance. More Commissioners are needed.

Park spoke about the Jewish Film Festival in March.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

X. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Monday, March 13, 2006 AT 1:30 PM.