

# SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 10, 1993  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Sacramento Marina  
2710 Ramp Way, Sacramento

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## COMMISSIONERS:

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| Gloria Burt               | Mary Anne Payne |
| Lynn Ericksen             | Susan Sinclair  |
| Gerry N. Kamilos          | Freeman Tinnin  |
| Anthony P. Marquez, Chair | Sandra Yee      |
| Paula Munson              | Dennis Yep      |

- I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:13 p.m. ROLL CALL: All present except Commissioners Ericksen, Munson and Payne.
- II. APPROVE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 10, 1993  
Moved: Tinnin; seconded: Yee  
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 1993  
Moved: sinclair; seconded: Tinnin  
Ayes: Unanimous
- IV. PRESENTATION - "Design Charette/K St. Mall" - Nancy Esajian, Art in Public Places Consultant

Consultant Esajian discussed events which took place at the K Street Mall Design Charette on October 20, 1993. The event was well attended with approximately 150 individuals from Sacramento's design community participating. The keynote speakers were Mr. Halprin and Mr. Wasserman.

At the event, slides and drawings were shown of K Street Mall site surveys. Teams brainstormed together and came up with ideas and concepts for redesigning K Street Mall. Also discussed were event possibilities to increase revenue in Sacramento. Summaries of each team's vision will be reported to City Council approximately January 1994.

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Ms. Jean Bevanmarquez (Sacramento Blues Society) commented on the Sacramento Cultural Arts Awards. She suggested the Commission look at ways of differentiating between larger institutions and smaller volunteer-based organizations. Though not dissatisfied with the funding, Ms. Bevanmarquez commented on the percentage of dollars which are allocated to the large and small organizations and particularly those organizations receiving funding or in-kind services from the City or County. Commissioner Yep and Director Walker stated that the large/small budget organization issues were addressed in community workshops with arts organizations in which, the arts community recommended keeping large and small organizations together when considering funding; however, the other issue of funding organizations which already receive City or County funding or in-kind services has not been reviewed extensively.

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VI. ACTION ITEMS (A-C):

A. APPROVE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 1993-94 SACRAMENTO CULTURAL ARTS AWARDS (HELLER)

Chair Marquez stated for the record that as a former board member of Sacramento Educational Events for the Arts he did not receive more than \$250, therefore, there is no need to abstain from voting.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATIONS AS PRESENTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CALIFORNIA CULTURAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ASIAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Yee; seconded: Kamilos  
Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 3  
Abstain 1 (Yep)  
Motion passed.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATIONS AS PRESENTED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE IDEA ART SPACE.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Yep; seconded: Tinnin  
Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 3  
Abstain 1 (Burt)  
Motion passed.

*(staff will obtain schedules of grantees' activities and include in the commission packet - will start w/ February PKT.)*

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B. APPROVE DEACCESSIONING OF ARTWORK AT 13TH AND K STREETS (GEE)

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Yee; seconded: Sinclair  
Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 3  
Motion passed unanimously.

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C. APPROVE DEACCESSIONING OF ARTWORK AT MESA GRANDE PARK (GEE)

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved; Sinclair; seconded: Tinnin  
Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 3  
Motion passed unanimously.

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## VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Grand Opening of the Downtown plaza was a great success. The money raised will benefit arts organizations. Commissioner Yee has been appointed head of the Arts and Humanities Committee with the Sacramento Regional Foundation.

Chair Marquez stated that he recently attended the California Confederation of the Arts' board meeting and has a greater understanding of the relations between the Confederation and the California Arts Council (CAC). The CAC is no longer being considered for privatization, however, there is still a concern for funding.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Locals Program will review the Arts Commission's proposal in December. Chair Marquez will serve on the review panel in Washington, DC and will not participate when the Arts Commission's proposal is being reviewed.

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## VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The NEA site visit with Nada Westermen went very well. A card was received from Ms. Westermen thanking Commissioners and staff for their hospitality. Ms. Westermen was pleased to meet with community leaders and artists. Ms. Walker thanked everyone as well for working together. Chair Marquez was very pleased with the broad-based demonstration of support from the community.

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## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PERFORMING ARTS (Burt) - The Committee is looking for new members. The Committee discussed the Fringe Theatre Festival and the immediate items that need to be worked on.
  - B. VISUAL ARTS (Sinclair) - Developers will go ahead with the 58 Arden property. The Ventura Arts Plan was also discussed. There are plans to go ahead with a similar plan in Sacramento. Subcommittees are forming. There will be no meetings in November and December.
  - C. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Tinnin) - Committee discussed deaccessioning of artworks at Mesa Grande Park and Convention Center. An RFQ will be sent out soon for St. Rose of Lima Park video artwork. The K Street Mall charette was discussed.
  - D. ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (Yee) - Staff was asked to be part of an advisory committee on Teacher Training in the Arts. A survey is being developed for and will be mailed to Principles and Art Resource Teachers in Sacramento County schools to determine what are their arts needs. The Rap Opera "Virgin-In-A-Sense" was such a success that the Director of the County Office of Education and a representative with the State Office of Alcohol and Drugs is interested in touring it to other schools.
  - E. AWARDS (Sinclair) - No further report.
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## X. AD HOC REPORTS

- A. Advocacy (Ericksen) - No report.
  - B. Master Cultural Plan/Regional Alliance for Arts Planning (Burt) - Over 100 surveys have been mailed out; 42 replies have been received. Surveys are being critiqued. Information reported has been very interesting. A draft of the survey for individual artists is near completion and will be reviewed at the next meeting.
  - C. Downtown District (Burt) - No report.
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## XI. FRIENDS REPORT

Ms. Walker reported the Nada Westermen's site visit luncheon was made possible through the generous support of Friends.

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XII. OLD BUSINESS - None.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS - None.

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XIV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - None.

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XV. INFORMATION REPORTS - None.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made at the hour of 5:43 p.m. to adjourn. Moved: Burt; seconded: Yee. Motion passed unanimously.

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