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THE MINUTES OF THE
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1988

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: BONNIE BELL
ALLAN GORDON
LYNN MORRIS
MARY ANNE PAYNE
KATHY RANDETT, CHAIR
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TOM WITT

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: PAT DAVIDSON
BRIGITTE REHORN
KEN WANG

STAFF PRESENT: WENDY CECCHERELLI, DIRECTOR
KATHY HOWARD
MARY LYNN PERRY
CHRISTY MORIN

- I. The regular meeting of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Randlett at 4:03 p.m. at the Coloma Community Center.
- II. Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Williams seconded that the agenda be approved. The vote was unanimous.
- III. Commissioner Gordon moved and Commissioner Morris seconded that the minutes of the August 10, 1988, regular meeting be approved. The vote was unanimous.
- IV. Sue Keil, of Hancock & Keil, presented the Arts Marketing Plan and answered questions.
- V. Action Items
 - A. Vote on Standing Committee Appointments. Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Gordon seconded that appointments to the Art in Public Places, Arts in Education, Awards, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts committees be approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.
 - B. Vote on Funding for New and Emerging Organizations. Commissioner Gordon moved and Commissioner Witt seconded that the funding recommendations for New and Emerging

Organizations be approved as presented. The vote was unanimous. Two recipients, Dennis Yep of the Asian Cultural Exchange and Toshiye Kawamura of Sakura Minyo Doo Koo Kai, were in the audience and thanked the Commission.

- C. Vote on County Cultural Awards Funding Allocation to Level One and Level Two. Chair Randlett turned this item over to Vice-Chair Williams. Barbara Gibbs, of the Crocker Art Museum, testified that Level Two groups favored \$200,000 of the funding be allocated to Level Two. Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Witt seconded that the County Cultural Awards funding allocation to Level One and Level Two be approved as presented, \$225,000 for Level One and \$175,000 for Level Two. The vote was seven ayes (Bell, Gordon, Morris, Payne, Scribner, Williams, Witt) and one no (Randlett).
- D. Vote on County Cultural Awards Level One Revisions. Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Payne seconded that the County Cultural Awards Level One guidelines revisions be approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.
- E. Vote on County Cultural Awards Level Two Guidelines. Jackie Sheridan requested that the weight given to Review Criteria Item 3, County Outreach/Community Development, be reconsidered. Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Gordon seconded that the County Cultural Awards Level Two guidelines be approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.
- F. Vote on County Cultural Awards Panelists. Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Williams seconded that the County Cultural Awards panelist recommendations be approved with the addition of Barbara Gibbs (in the Visual category) and Barbara Crockett Gallo (in the Dance category). The vote was unanimous.

VI. Chair Report

The Chair announced that the Commission Retreat will be held at Commissioner Scribner's home on October 29th.

There was a discussion on the need to reconsider City Life as a priority of the Commission. Chair Randlett moved and Commissioner Witt seconded that Commissioner Payne be assigned to work with staff on the City Life program. The vote was unanimous. Details will be discussed at the Retreat.

Chair Randlett moved that the Executive Committee:

- a. consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Director, and Commissioner(s) at-large; and

- b. deal with items such as Arts Commission Retreat, Handbook, new Commissioner orientation, budget, and Work Plan.

This item was tabled and will be discussed at the Retreat.

The Chair has expressed an interest in serving on a task force being formed by Supervisor Illa Collin to investigate an increase in arts funding by the City.

VII. Director's Report

The Director reported on the success of the two media workshops. The recent On the Wing editorial and the Sacramento Bee article by Joe Serna on cultural facilities were mentioned.

Sacramento Regional Foundation received the NEA Challenge grant. The Commission had endorsed SRF's proposal.

A luncheon concerning Irvine Foundation funding for multicultural activity will be held at the Holiday Inn.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Visual Arts

Commissioner Witt, Beth Jones, and David Rible gave an update on the exhibition space project ("Sacramento Center for Contemporary Arts"). Several projects are being considered, including the Langford Cook project. Commissioner Witt and Beth Jones met with Mayor Rudin who is in favor of the project and has offered help. Consultant Helene Fried will be presenting a proposal at the next Commission meeting.

B. Art in Public Places

Commissioner Witt reported that the Committee will meet on September 22 and will discuss the East End Parking Garage. A new approach to bring in artists will be explored.

IX. Friends Report

Jackie Sheridan presented a report on fundraising for the City Life program. She reiterated that the majority of the funding refusals were due to time frame. Most corporations must include funding requests in budget one year prior to events.

The Friends Board met and approved the Arts Commission's Fundraising Plan.

Friends' Annual Membership meeting is planned for October 20th.

XI. New Business

Tickets are available for Tambi Stewart and Neil Treganza's New Works project of original music and dance in September and October.

XII. Communications

John Hershberger, of KVIE, submitted a letter concerning whether KVIE should be eligible in Level One or Level Two of the County Cultural Awards program. This item will be referred to the Awards Committee.

A letter was received from Rick Murdoch, of Horizon magazine, regarding the suspension of "Valley Arts" until January 1989. Tests will be conducted in other regions during that time to find the right combination of covering, while supporting, the arts.

XIII. There being no further business, Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Morris seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 5:58 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted: Christy Morin