

MINUTES OF THE
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 4, 1980

4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Doreen Mauk
Emily Strand
Karen Onstad-Wagner
Judith Weintraub
Edward Beimfohr
Susan Willoughby, Chair
Leonard Simon
Aisha Martin
Jose Montoya

Commissioners Absent:

John Hansen
Muriel Johnson

The June 4th, 1980 meeting of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Willoughby. The minutes of May 7, 1980 were approved as mailed.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Willoughby announced upcoming vacancies on the Commission. The County is accepting applications from June 23 thru July 3rd; City is accepting applications beginning June 28th.

Budget Update

The City of Sacramento's Budget and Finance Committee heard SMAC's budget on Monday, June 2nd. The Committee adopted the budget and requested a report back on funding sources. Chair Willoughby thanked Commissioners Montoya, Beimfohr, and Weintraub for attending the meeting.

Budget hearings for the County of Sacramento will take place in August. Chair Willoughby noted that she will be calling County appointed commissioners to ask them to attend these hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Beimfohr)

Festival of the Arch: Chair Beimfohr asked that a letter of appreciation for groups participating in the festival be sent to: R.S.V.P, Emery, Schmidt & McCann, and Harmony Grits Dance Company.

On May 30th, Pat Fuller, N.E.A. Art in Public Places Coordinator, met with Bill Moskin, staff, and city officials regarding the City of Sacramento's Art in Public Places Program. A reception was held at the Commission Office from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th, 4:00 p.m. at the Commission Office.

CETA (Weintraub)

Chair Weintraub reported that a cultural arts program has been planned at Camp Sacramento. Artreach Artists will provide activities such as music beat, dance workshops, theatrical performances, and ceramic demonstrations. Artreach Coordinator Bill Cleveland briefly reviewed the following:

- (1) to-date there have been two terminations in the program: currently 13 artists are on staff and there is one vacancy.
- (2) RFP's have been submitted to City and County for same number of positions as last year's proposals.
- (3) Status of artists and their projects:

Bob McFarland is working with the help of Commissioner Strand to establish a relationship with A.R.C. to present a summer series of plays. A grant to C.A.C. was also submitted to fund Fall/Spring touring activities.

Tom Schmidt is continuing his work with Harmony Arts and the public arts catalogue. He is planning to tour Europe as part of a jazz group, "Emery, Schmidt, and McCann."

Jaime Scholnick has completed murals for the Folsom Cordova and Galt School Districts. She is also a recipient of a C.A.C. 1980-81 Artist-in-Residence Grant with the Folsom Cordova School District.

Connie Miottel has completed the Arts Resources Guide and is currently working on a public arts catalogue.

Melinda Barry is continuing work on her music beat series; she has submitted a C.A.C. grant for an Artist-in-Residence program with Roseville Community Hospital.

Bob Burge is currently working on a mural project at Sacramento High; one courtyard has been completed. Bill Cleveland reported that Bob is being considered as a consultant on a prison project.

Jieno Moxzer-Harris has been creating masks for a project entitled, "Faces of Ages". The project will be on display at the Central Library.

Freddy Rodriguez is preparing Xic-Indio, a Chicano Opera, at the Community Center and plans to follow with a tour of the show.

Rene Warren is continuing to work on photographing public art work for the catalogue with Tom Schmidt and Connie Miottel.

Lorraine Garcia is providing in-house graphics for community activities as well as conducting graphics workshops under the T.A.P. She recently participated in a four-day roadshow through the Nevada City-Lake Tahoe region.

FINANCE (Johnson)

Bill Moskin reported for Chair Johnson that because of the pending impact of Proposition 9, County staff had temporarily set aside work on the County hotel tax criteria.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Naomi Kraft, N.E.A. panelist (Expansion Arts Program), recently visited the commission and met with some of the organizations we provide services to.

Barbara Kibbe, Director, BALA, met with Mayor Isenberg and Bill Moskin to discuss plans for starting training sessions for attorneys in Sacramento who are interested in arts law.

T.A.P.

A summary of programs to-date was distributed to commissioners. Bill Moskin reported that the May roadshow provided services to Nevada City, Placerville, and Lake Tahoe areas. Moskin reported that the workshops were well attended and very successful.

Arts Resources Guide

A press conference is scheduled on June 13, 1980 to announce the availability of the guide to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Wagner reported on the "Business in the Arts Awards", and asked if there were any questions. Chair Willoughby suggested that item #2: "Projects may be in any area of the Fine or Performing Arts" --- include the word "Literary." The Chamber of Commerce will send a cover letter with the final application form to businesses; SMAC will send a cover letter to artists. Commissioner Wagner stated that the form was patterned after the Business Committee for the Arts. A motion proposed by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Mauk to accept the document and to participate in the event passed unanimously.

Commissioner Strand reported that there was a good turnout at a reception held in Folsom on May 31st for Artreach Artist Rene Warren.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Willoughby announced that Bill Moskin has been invited by Livingston Biddle, Chair, N.E.A., to attend a Partnership Meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 23rd through June 25th. Prior to that Bill will also attend the annual N.A.C.A.A. Conference in Boston on June 17th.
- Commissioner Simon announced that he plans to resign from the Commission.

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NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

- Chair Willoughby congratulated Commissioner Strand on her recent community service award from the Sacramento Regional Arts Council.

- Robin Ware and Gail Rogers informed the Commission about an event entitled, "Black Women: Achievement Against the Odds", from the Smithsonian Institute's Traveling Exhibition on July 5-17. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Sacramento Area Black Caucus and Crocker Art Museum. An opening night reception will be held at the Crocker Art Museum on July 5, 1980 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- The next commission meeting will be held on July 2, 1980 at 4:00 p.m. at the Housing and Redevelopment Agency, first floor conference room, 630 I Street.

- The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri McBeth
Recording Secretary