

THE MINUTES OF THE  
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
Tuesday, January 7, 1986

Commissioners Present:

Carol Borden, Chair  
Judy Gordon  
John Horrell  
Laurie Merchant  
Diana Perham  
Charles Smithers  
Maggie Upton  
Glenda Vandemark  
Carson Wiley  
Dennis Wilkerson  
Tom Witt

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.
2. The December 3, 1985 minutes were approved with the following corrections: Arts in Education Committee members Isaac Padgett, and Aladrian Mack.
3. Chair Report (Borden): Chair Borden reviewed the year's Commission activities including its involvement in the cultural development of downtown, its increased visibility, its meetings with public officials, staff changes and the planning process.

The Commission submitted a letter to the NEA recommending Wayne Thiebaud receive the National Medal of Arts.

The Commission will send a letter of condolence to Kathryn Ball, mother of Fred Uhl Ball who died recently.

Chair Borden, the Director and Bob Thomas continue to meet with Councilmembers and Supervisors to discuss the NEA's Local Test Program.

The Downtown Urban Design Study group met in December and will hold its first public meeting January 29th. Consultants hired for the study group may be asked to serve as speakers for City Talks.

The "Local Arts Management for the 80's" conference, presented by SMAC and NALAA and sponsored by the CAC, will be held January 23-24. The second "Board Development Workshop", sponsored by the CAC, will be held February 7th at Coloma Community Center. Commissioners are asked to contact Geri McBeth to attend either event free of charge.

Chair Borden welcomed back Diana Perham, who will serve out her term as commissioner.

A motion was made for SMAC to approve the appointment of Ralph Baez to serve on the Performing Arts Committee (moved-Borden; second-Smithers). Approved.

4. Director's Report (Ceccherelli): Metro Arts Division is in the process of reviewing its 86/87 budget.

The Arts Commission joined the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. The Director attended the Chamber's Economic Outlook Conference.

The Director is serving on the Mayor's Downtown Committee, a private sector action committee.

Sam Burns, Sacramento Community Center, is interested in the future of the Crest Theatre.

The County will host a breakfast reception January 23rd for Bob Canon, director of the NEA Local Test Program, for the Board of Supervisors and City Councilmembers. A videotape of the program will be shown. Commissioners are invited to a luncheon the same day with Mr. Canon. Details will be mailed.

City Council will honor outgoing Friends' boardmembers Susan Willoughby, Jean Runyon Tow, Burnett Miller, and outgoing president John Worcester.

Director Ceccherelli referred to a book entitled "How to Make Meetings Work". Commissioner Horrell offered to find a facilitator for a workshop.

5. Committee Reports

Executive (Borden): A funding committee was formed with Borden as chair. Members are Chuck Smithers, John Horrell, John Worcester and Wendy Ceccherelli. The purpose of the committee is to meet with each chair of the planning committees and standing committees to discuss how to fund programs.

There will be two commission meetings in March - a regular meeting March 4th and an additional meeting March 18th to review and approve planning recommendations.

The Commission is hosting a media luncheon January 13th.

Committee Reports:

A. Visual Arts (Merchant): The committee met with visual arts organizations. There seems to be a need for organizations to pool resources. The committee will meet to discuss individual artists' surveys.

B. Performing Arts (Wiley): The committee met to revise and improve the survey.

C. Arts in Education (Upton): Four meetings are scheduled beginning January 8th. Emphasis will be placed on how the arts community and education community can work together to strengthen arts in education.

Advocacy (Horrell): Senate and assembly bills relating to art in public buildings and arts education were distributed. Senate Bill 45 (Art in Public Buildings) was passed; Senate Bill 45, Assembly Bill 2092 and 2093 are pending.

Friends will hold its annual meeting January 9th.

Art In Public Places (Merchant): The Fruitridge Library program is being developed.

The committee is looking for an artist to create a sculpture for Firestation 11.

On February 12th, the Art in Public Places panel will review Siah Armajani's proposal for St. Rose of Lima Park. Mr. Armajani will formally present his proposal to City Council that day at 2:00 p.m.

Cultural Awards (Gordon): The committee will meet to revise program guidelines January 13th.

Program (Wilkerson): Questions were raised on the purpose of the committee. Wilkerson stated that he thought all new programs were to be initially reviewed by the committee. After some discussion Wilkerson stated that the committee will meet to define the role of the committee, the Performing Arts Committee and the Arts in Education Committee and will report to the Commission in February.

Standing Committees will meet to discuss the roles and charges of committees and commissioners.

Other: Discussion on County Parks 2000 will be held over until February.

*Include discussion commissioners had wherein they expressed concerns over the increased time commitment asked of them over and above their responsibilities to attend Commission meetings and committee meetings. Also discussed were committee responsibility and staff roles. Commissioners expressing their concerns: Judy Gordon, John Horrell, Laurie Merchant, Martha Pashon, Maude Upton, Richard Vandemark and Dennis Wilkerson.*

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6. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary