

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: January 10, 1996

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Coloma Community Center

4623 T Street

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**COMMISSIONERS:**

Luke W. Breit

Raymond L. Gage

Kathleen Hamilton

Gerry N. Kamilos

Quan Van Le

Anthony P. Marquez

W. Kearse McGill

Sandra Yee

- I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:15 pm. Commissioner(s) absent: Hamilton and McGill; excused: Gage.
- II. APPROVE AGENDA OF JANUARY 10, 1996.  
Moved: Kamilos; seconded: Breit  
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 1995.  
Moved: Breit; seconded: Le. As corrected: Action Item B motion should read, "... giving the Art in Public Places Committee the authority to make the final recommendation to the City Manager ..."  
Ayes: Unanimous

IV. PRESENTATIONS(S)

**"LITERARY FELLOWSHIPS" - Patricia Canterbury and Carlo Visante, Awards Committee.**

Awards Committee Chair Visante gave a brief background and history of the fellowship program which was started in 1995 recognizing several visual artists in the Sacramento area. The Committee members felt the fellowship program to be important as it recognizes individual artists for their work in the community. The 1996 fellowship program will recognize literary artists.

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Committee member Patricia Canterbury introduced herself; she is a writer, poet and community leader in Sacramento County and believes the literary fellowships to be long overdue. There has been a revival of the literary arts in the Sacramento region and those contributing toward that revival should be recognized at this time. Ms. Canterbury noted that she is pleased with the integrity of the Arts Commission's procedures for the fellowships.

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V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

None.

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VI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Commissioner Breit commented on some concerns about the Commission members' inactive roles and would like to improve advocacy efforts for the arts community. It was noted that there are still vacancies to be filled; Breit is aware of the need for a full Commission. He would like to have a brief report from each standing Committee. It was decided that each month Committee Chairs would give a report to the Commission. In the event that a Chair is not a Commissioner, the Chair could designate a Commissioner to provide the monthly report. Additionally, Vice Chair Kamilos asked that one or two Committees give a presentation each month on specific program activities.

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VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Yee noted that she wrote a thank you letter to artist Wayne Thiebaud for his gift to the community.

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VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recruitment process for new staff members continues. Director Walker has been working with the Sacramento County Office of Education writing a joint grant for the Local Arts Education Partnership Program.

SMUD and the Commission are developing an art exhibition program for SMUD's new facility.

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IX. FRIENDS OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

President John Lambeth is deleting inactive members from the membership roster. The Friends membership has been transferred to a new computer program. The next regular meeting of Friends will be January 18 at the California State School Board, and a retreat is scheduled for February 24 at the Sacramento Youth Hostel.

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X. OLD BUSINESS - None.

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XI. NEW BUSINESS

Le sent a letter of objection regarding the performing arts center feasibility study conducted by SHRA consultants. A copy of his letter will be sent to the Commission members. Kamilos suggested a Commission liaison to SHRA to help with any difficulties and report back.

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XII. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - None.

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XIII. INFORMATION REPORTS - None.

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Yee adjourned the meeting at the hour of 5:40 pm.

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