



Minutes City of Sacramento Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jan Geiger, Chair
Linda Merksamer, Vice-Chair

Joanna de la Cuesta
Daniel Gorfain
Patti Miller
Charles Barr

Nan Mahon
Daniel Pane
Jennifer Tachera
Margaret Park-Landau

*Historic City Hall Hearing Room
915 I Street – 2nd*

MINUTES

June 11, 2007

*Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission
2030 Del Paso Blvd. Sacramento, Ca 95815*

For the record, the Commission Recognition Ceremony took place first in adjacent Conference Room.

Outgoing Commissioner Recognition and Reception

Halpern, Executive Director, presented outgoing Commission Chair, Jan Geiger with an engraved plaque commending her on her service to the commission from 2002 – 2007. Nan Mahon received similar commendation and plaque, serving the commission from 2001 – 2007 and the Grants and Cultural Programs Committee.

At 2:45 p.m. Commissioners returned to hearing room. Directors Report was given.

Call to Order – 3:15 p.m.

Roll Call - Present: Geiger, Merksamer, Gorfain, Merksamer, Pane, Mahon

Late:

Absent: Park, Tachera, de la Cuesta, Miller

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

1. **Approval of Minutes for May 14, 2007**

Recommendation: Approve Meeting Minutes

Contact: Jeanette Louis, Office Manager. 566-3992.

Motion: Approve minutes as written. Gorfain.

Second: Barr

Motion carries.

Staff Reports

Staff reports include oral presentations and those recommending receive and file.

2. Oak Park Community Center Arts Plan (mentor plan)

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of Oak Park Community Center Arts Plan.

Contact: Linda Bloom, Administrator, Art in Public Places. 566-3971.

Bloom asked for approval of an arts plan for the Oak Park Community Center as well as for an APP mentoring program. Total project budget is approx \$77,000, with \$54,000 available for artwork. This is a fast-track project with funding to be spent in the next 16 – 18 months. Therefore, artwork(s) will need to be free-standing and outdoors. Oak Park Campus already has artwork, including 9 murals by the RCAF artists and Ann Gregory.

APP would also like to use this project as the first mentor opportunity. The mentor program will provide opportunities for training emerging public artists, under the direction of an experienced public artist... The APP Committee considered three experienced mentor artists and recommended 1) Larry Meeks, 2) Donna Billick, and 3) Troy Corliss for this project. Larry Meeks was not available at this time. Artist Donna Billick agreed to be the mentor for this project. Donna has previous mentoring experience and has worked in durable outdoor materials, creating sculptures and mosaic works. Artists who have applied to APP for commissions within the last two years, but who have not received a commission, will be eligible to apply to the mentor program.

Motion: To approve the arts program at Oak Park and to including a mentoring program.
Barr

Second: Gorfain.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 4 Absent

Motion Carries.

3. Discussion: Is Public Art Accessible to the Public?

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Dan Gorfain, Commissioner. 566-3992.

This item was postponed until the next Commission Meeting, July 9, 2007.

4. Discussion: SMAC Mission Statement and Values

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contacts: Rhyena Halpern, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. 566-3992.

Halpern provide a short list of mission statements for review and clarified its purpose as follows:

Mission Statement: Usually a one sentence that says what we do and why. It covers all of the programs in our agency. It can be used in our printed materials, applications for grants and on our web-site or business cards.

Marketing Slogan: Can be same or different than above.

After discussion, consensus for a mission statement is as follows:

“The mission of Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission is

to advance community through arts and culture.”

Marketing Slogan: . . . **“because a community deserves great art.”**

5. Election of Chair and Nominations and approval of Vice-Chair for Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

Recommendation: Approve nominations

Contact: Jan Geiger, Commission Chair. 566-3992.

Motion: Naming of Linda Merksamer as Chair for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. Barr.

Second: Pane.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 4 Absent

Motion Carries.

Motion: Linda Merksamer nominated Dan Gorfain for the position of Vice-Chair for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

Second: Gorfain.

Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 4 Absent.

Motion Carries.

6. Chair's Report: Meeting Location

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Jan Geiger, Commission Chair. 566-3992.

July Meeting will be at Historic City Hall at 2:00 p.m. On a quarterly basis, meetings will take place at the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission at 2030 Del Paso Blvd.

7. Director's Report: Agency Report, Pins, Committee Agendas and Observer Sheets, September Retreat Length, Nominations for Resolutions, Arts Mixer report, AFTA Conference update, July 4th and July 14th Events, Water Tower nomination, APP's Special meeting on June 13th re Docks and status of Phil Evans's artwork

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Rhyena Halpern, Executive Director, Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. 566-3992.

Arts Education has received a second grant from California Arts Council, bringing grants to a combined total of nearly \$30,000. Arts Ed received the highest score possible with the collaborative assistance of Erika Kraft, Anne Oncken, Ruth Rosenberg and Zenaida Lopez-Cid. Information on another application to Preserve America Grant will be forthcoming later this Fall.

The Arts in Public Places Coordinator and the Grants and Cultural Programs Coordinator Positions close this Friday, June 15th. The Art in Public Places Administrator closes in another five weeks.

New Docent Coordinator will be Dixie Laws as of July 1, 2007.

Friday, Jun 15, 2007 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. is the Hewlett Foundation panel on “Next Generation of Arts Leaders.” It will take place at the Historic City Hall Hearing Room. Thanks to Anne Oncken who has been coordinating the event.

Commissioner Pins will be manufactured by All Awards for \$8.00 each. They will be white with the logo, magnetic backing, rounded edges and include name and title. Halpern, Executive Director, said these should be ready for the July 9th Commission meeting.

Thank you and congratulations to Training and Partnerships Arts Programs Assistant, Nicole Limon. She has a new job opportunity and June 12, 2007 will be her last day at the commission.

Committee Agendas are up on the web site as of June 1st. Randy Mackay has included materials from last 6 months as background. Follow the links "**about us**" to get to the agendas and minutes. If you want to be on an e-mail list for agendas, contact the program lead or assistant and they will send them electronically. Remember that www.sacculture.com will point you to our new domain: www.sacmetroarts.org.

Remember that Committees should be using the observer sheets. When you have visitors, be sure they are welcomed and have an opportunity to complete a request to speak form if they want to address the committee.

September 25, 2007 Retreat is "fat" and time needs to be expanded, changing hours to 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please note this on your calendar now.

Resolution Program, intended to recognize honorees in the arts is accepting nominations. This program has been received enthusiastically by the electeds and arts community.

The Arts Mixer at Fairlytale Town on June 14th drew a crowd of 100, artists, teachers and others to network and socialize. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to mingle.

Four Commission Staff attended the American for the Arts (AFTA) Meetings in Las Vegas in early June. The annual conferences are organized in different tracks for public art, art education, leadership, economic development, fundraising and more. Erika Kraft spoke about the "Future of Performing Arts Spaces" and findings of a national task force. Spaces need to be less like monuments lasting hundreds of years and more like smaller spaces, with versatility for different uses. The spaces should include places where the audiences can meet before or after an event to mingle and talk.

Get Creative will take place in Rancho Cordova on Saturday afternoon, July 1st.

"Experience the Boulevard" is July 14th will be a huge street party celebrating the completion of the boulevard beautification and the dedication of the new public art. There will be docent art/history tours on the trolley, business demonstrations and promotions, a car show, food, music, poetry readings and the Commission office will be open, displaying the work of Boulevard artists. Mark your calendar and plan to support this major endeavor spearheaded by Councilwoman Sandy Sheedy and her staff. Thanks to Roberta, Linda, and Cari for participating in the extensive planning efforts. This will also be the community celebration for the Art's Commission's 30th Anniversary.

A second reception will take place at city hall on October 17th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Thanks for Jan, Dan, Zenaida, Don and Tina for their excellent committee work.

The Alhambra Water Tower was nominated for the East Sacramento Civic Award. Feedback will be later this Summer.

Article about the future Performing Arts Center was in **The Ticket** last week. This was a comprehensive overview of the proposed project.

Art in Public Places Committee will meet on June 13th at 4:00 p.m. at Coloma Community Center. A presentation on the Docks will be at 4:00 p.m. Commissioners are invited to attend at 5:00 p.m. for a Special Commission Meeting. Agendas have been posted and distributed.

Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda

To be announced

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Outgoing commissioner Mahon said: "it had been rewarding to work with many wonderful people driven by the arts." Mahon added that Supervisor Notolli has someone in mind to replace her on our Commission.

Outgoing commissioner Geiger stated: "it has been a privilege to serve on and with the Commission."

Halpern clarified that both commissioners may continue to attend and participate in meetings until their successors are in place.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.