

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 15, 2003  
12:00-1:30pm

2030 Del Paso Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95815

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COMMISSIONERS:

JOHN WONG	JAN GEIGER
NAN MAHON	DAPHNE GAWTHROP, CHAIR
JOANNA DE LA CUESTA	MARTIN VALE
MARGI PARK	LINDA MERKSAMER
DONALD SRONCE	

I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 12:10 p.m. by Chair Gawthrop.

Present: de la Cuesta, Gawthrop, Mahon, Merksamer, Park, Sronce, Vale

Excused: Wong, Geiger

APPROVE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 15, 2003:

Moved: Sronce

Seconded: Mahon

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2003:

Moved: Sronce

Seconded: Vale

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES): Update on CAA (Halpern): Halpern presented information on the grant panel along with the panelist biographies and agenda. She said applicants have 18-20 minutes per interview and the panel is breaking the applicants up by community and professional companies. Halpern explained there would be a Powerpoint preview explaining the rules and regulations for the panel. She concluded that the Commission would be voting on the results in January, but urged Commissioners to attend panel sessions as observers.

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V. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVE COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Brenda Louie , APP

APPROVE NOMINATION: Moved: Sronce      Seconded: Mahon      Ayes: 7    Noes: 0    Absent: 2  
APPROVE COMMITTEE MEMBER: Moved: Merksamer      Seconded: Vale      Ayes: 7    Noes: 0    Absent: 2

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B. APPROVE 2004-05 STABILIZATION PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (FORMERLY BOARD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM) (ROSENBERG):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Merksamer      Seconded: de la Cuesta      Ayes: 7    Noes: 0    Absent: 2

Rosenberg said this was an extension of the contract of the Non Profit Resource Center. She stated the program would be renamed to Organizational Development Program and would hand out brochures describing the courses involved. Rosenberg talked about the organization providing courses for board members with Arts Oriented Custom Training along with classes to reach out to newer board members. Sronce asked about a way to track individuals in each organization and Halpern replied the arts organizations are asked to list any classes they have taken on the Cultural Award application. Park suggested a six-month follow-up to see if these classes have worked for the organization. Rosenberg suggested to the Commissioners if they have possible candidates for any of these art boards, to let her or Halpern know. Merksamer asked about the length of the workshops and Rosenberg answered that orientation is 2 hours and the consultant workshop was 3 hours.

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C. APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR DEL PASO HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTER-SHRA (BLOOM/NICHOLAS):

COMMISSION ACTION: MOVE TO APPROVE ONGOING ART: Moved: Sronce      Seconded: Vale  
Ayes: 7    Noes: 0    Absent: 2

Bloom stated this is a redevelopment project with a private developer and the medical center is on Marysville Boulevard. Nicholas said there was a panel selection on September 30th with Smith and Moore winning the commission. Smith stated that there was a feel of working with the community and Doctor Simon wanted the shape of the project to be more culturally acceptable. She said Dr. Simon wanted a water feature so the team devised a simple wall concept that would make it easier to recycle the water. Smith explained the maintenance cost would be low and easy to maintain.

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D. APPROVE ARTS PLAN FOR JUVENILE HALL- COUNTY (BLOOM):

COMMISSION MOTION: Moved: Merksamer      Seconded: Vale      Ayes: 7    Noes: 0    Absent: 2

Bloom said asked the Commissioners if they would like to serve on the panels since this was a series of projects. She said the budget for all of these projects was \$622,000 for the Juvenile Hall; \$114,000 for administration, \$498,000 for artwork and proposals and \$10,000 for the mural doors. Bloom stated the projects are located at the corner of Kiefer and Bradshaw Roads. She said the breakdown of the budget would be a future joint plaza at \$150,000, staff and training lobby at \$96,000, Public and staff entrance plaza \$200,000 and visitors center at \$52,000. Bloom said she could be an opportunity to work with the skylights in the training rooms. She said the Visitors center has a low ceiling and suggested sculptural ballards in the plaza. Bloom said there is existing artwork at the site called Extinction and part of the construction budget was set aside to paint the doors to match the mural (\$10,000).

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VI. PRESENTATION (S): None

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VII. DISCUSSION: Ballet/Opera Update (Walker): Director Walker said the Ballet and Opera have outstanding loans going back to the 1990's deferring payment. She stated the Commission was recommending for the two arts groups pay the

principle and for each dollar paid, each dollar forgiven. Director Walker said a payment program included both the Ballet and Opera credits for arts education that would be guaranteed by their Cultural Art Award grant. Bob Lucas from the Ballet Board asked the Commission to give them assistance on these conditions with the City. He asked the Commission if the debt timeline be moved from ten years to five years and to use any free tickets for credit in paying the loan. Lucas said the only outreach is START after school program. Director Walker said she had to present the report to the City and County the week of October 10th but would set up another meeting. She asked Lucas if they could pay more towards the loan and he said it would be very difficult. Gawthrop suggested Lucas update the Council every year and explain what the Ballet has done that year to pay down the loan. Rod Gideons from the Opera said he would like to bring this loan to resolution as soon as possible. He stated that the Opera would expand to four productions in four years along with expanded programming. Gideons concluded that three performances were guaranteed in Sacramento and the five year loan payoff is doable.

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- VIII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None
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- IX. CHAIR'S REPORT: None.
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- X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
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- XI. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: None
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- XII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned: 1:45pm.

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003