

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Meeting Date: February 8, 1995

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Coloma Community Center

4623 T Street

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COMMISSIONERS:

Vera L. Davis

Gerry N. Kamilos

Quan Van Le

Anthony P. Marquez

Sandra Yee

Dennis Yep

I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:05 pm. All Commissioners present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 8, 1995. Agenda approved.

Moved: Kamilos; seconded: Marquez

Ayes: Unanimous

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 1995 Minutes approved.

Moved: Marquez;; seconded: Kamilos

Ayes: Unanimous

IV. PRESENTATION(S) - None.

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY - None.

VI. ACTION ITEM(S) (A-C):

A. APPROVE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION (MORENO)

A recommendation was made to include a notation on the Nomination Form that both sections of the Personal Data are to be completed even if a self-nomination.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved: Marquez; seconded: Kamilos

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 0

Motion passed unanimously.

B. APPROVE ARTS PLAN FOR NORTH LAGUNA CREEK PARK (GEE)

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved: Marquez; seconded: Kamilos

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 0

Motion passed unanimously.

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C. APPROVE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS (YEE)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CONRAD ATKINSON, AWARDS COMMITTEE; COMMISSIONER VERA DAVIS AND BARBARA WROBLICKY, PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE; COMMISSIONERS ANTHONY MARQUEZ AND DENNIS YEP, ARTS EDUCATIONS AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved: Kamilos; seconded: Le

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 0

Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR YEE RESIGNED FROM THE ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE. CHAIR YEE APPOINTED ANTHONY MARQUEZ AS CHAIR OF THE ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

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VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Tinnin sent in a letter of resignation from the Commission. Chair Yee sent a letter to him thanking him for his service on the Commission.

Chair Yee attended the last Friends of the Arts Commission meeting. Friends is planning a fundraiser for St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The event will be a fundraiser for the Arts Education and Outreach Program to be held at Sacramento Turn Verein.

Chair Yee also attended the January 23 Performing Arts Committee meeting with Helene Fried and Celia Yniguez. Helene Fried Associates is assisting with the Conferencing Facility Study.

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VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Walker and Grants Program Coordinator Laurie Heller will attend the Governor's Conference on the Arts and Technology, this Friday and Saturday.

The Arts Commission received official notification of approval of a National Endowment for the Arts grant.

The APP projects for the Convention Center Expansion are moving along.

Walker has been attending brainstorm meetings for a proposed entertainment complex for youth. Discussion is taking place on a possible facility location. Dr. Bill Bronston has gathered a group of leaders together to develop this concept modeled after New York City's, "City Kids" program.

The Artists' Live/Work Space Survey, the Live/Work Brochure and the Fellowship Application will be distributed at the Phoenix Exhibition, which opens this Saturday.

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## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **AWARDS (Heller)** - The Community Meeting #2, to review the Cultural Arts Awards program, will take place Monday, February 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, at Sierra 2. Community Meeting #1, January 20, was very well attended. Recommendations that come out of these meetings will be made available in the coming months. After recommendations are reviewed, possible revisions to the Cultural Arts Awards Guidelines and Applications will be brought forward by the Ad Hoc Cultural Awards Committee, made up of representatives of various arts organizations.
- There will be three Technical Assistance Roundtable discussions over the next two months. These roundtables are for Cultural Arts Awards applicants not funded, as well as for some groups invited specifically. Facilitator Bill Cleveland will be present to discuss ideas from around the country regarding outreach and partnership. Fellowship Nomination forms will be sent out shortly to over 1,000 individuals.
- As approved by the Commission earlier, the Awards Committee, at their last meeting, approved emergency funding for technical assistance.
- B. **ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Gee)** - The panel for the Coroner Crime Lab Building met last week. Out of 57 applications received, 4 finalists were selected. The finalists met yesterday with the project architects, visited the site, and reviewed plans. On March 7, a panel will meet to select 1 artist for the sculpture commission, as well as review applications for the quilt projects, and select 4 artists for the quilt commissions. The deadline for submitting an application for the quilt projects had been extended in order to reach out to more groups (ethnic, folk-art, therapy art, at-risk youth, etc.). Ms. Walker stated that as our demographics change, and language barriers sometimes arise, there is more of a need to make an effort to reach a wide-variety of groups and individuals. By extending the deadline, Kathy Gee was able to reach non-English speaking groups; something we'll have to look at closer for future projects as well.
- C. **ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (Plata)** - Ms. Plata thanked Commissioner Yee for her service to the Committee and welcomed Commissioners Marquez and Yep.
- The Artists in Schools Program is set to take place in 15 schools--5 schools districts in all 5 supervisorial districts. The Alamo Rent-A-Car Student Art Gallery is preparing for its 4th month. Permanent lights have been installed to show off the artwork of students at the airport. Alamo Rent-A-Car has regranted the program for 1995. The Artists's Showcase, as part of the Children's Festival, is being planned. It was so successful last year that it is being planned as annual event, with a stage.
- D. **FUND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Kamilos)** - No report.
- E. **PERFORMING ARTS (Le)** - The Committee has been working with Celia Yniguez, with SHRA, in holding public meetings to discuss the possibility of Sacramento having a performing arts center. The first public meeting was January 23; another will take place tomorrow. There will be two charrettes, one session in the morning, one in the afternoon.
- The Committee is producing a newsletter, which is expected be ready for mailing the end of March.
- F. **VISUAL ARTS (Hurley)** - The Committee met January 25. The Committee reviewed their objectives listed at the January 9 meeting and were thought to be adequate. There is considerable interest in repeating the Phoenix Show, a way to pull artists together. It was suggested that this be an annual event. The opening of the Phoenix Show will take place this Saturday, 8 - 11 pm, at 920 and 1511 Del Paso Boulevard. There are more than 220 artists entered. The proceeds from this event will go towards scholarships for artists to attend workshops and trainings, etc. The Committee is reviewing the possibility of holding quarterly lectures. Potential forums include speakers on non-Eurocentric art, Live/Work Space, and gallery owners discussing their methods of selection of art for inclusion in shows. Live/Work Space continues to be addressed--58 Arden is on hold for now; the CADA Warehouse is more viable. The Committee addressed the need to insist on cultural, ethnic and gender diversity in their selecting new members. Ms. Walker recommended other committees of the Commission hold events (similar to the Visual Arts Committee) which can raise money to put on other events that support artists.
- G. **FRINGE ARTS FESTIVAL (Heller)** - Over 75 applications have been received. Some artists will also participate by invitation. The Steering Committee will meet February 21 to decide the locations of venues and to finalize the master program schedule. The festival will run from 10 am - midnight. The budget is being scaled back slightly as more in-kind donations are being sought. A second press release will go out soon. Some sponsors have agreed to come in at the \$1000 - \$2,500 range.

X. AD HOC REPORTS

- A. Advocacy (Kamilos) - The Committee will focus on working with the Council and Board to fill Commission vacancies. Director Walker stated that a nomination was brought forward by the Board today to fill the District 2 vacancy; three applications have been received by the City Clerk's office for another vacancy.
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XI. FRIENDS REPORT

Commissioner Kamilos stated that Friends is working on development of the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. Friends is asking Commissioners and staff to help sell tickets for the event. Proceeds will go towards the Arts Education and Outreach Program.

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XII. OLD BUSINESS - None.

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ken Larsen has been contracted to complete the Cultural Arts Plan. He will meet with staff and Commissioners for input and will give a presentation to the Commission next month.

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XIV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - None.

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XV. INFORMATION REPORTS - None.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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