

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 16, 2005
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

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COMMISSIONERS

JOHN WONG JENNIFER TACHERA
MARGI PARK NEILL SOOHOO
DON SRONCE JOANNA DE LA CUESTA
JAN GEIGER NAN MAHON
PATTI MILLER LINDA MERKSAMER

I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 1:30p.m.

Present: de la Cuesta, Geiger, Mahon, Miller, SooHoo, Sronce, Tachera Excused: Merksamer, Wong

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF MARCH 16, 2005:

All ayes

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2005: Change that Geiger talked to Executive Director of ABC regarding Chamber of Commerce meeting. Approve with changes: All Ayes.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 MINUTES): None.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

A. APPROVE NOMINATIONS OF AEO COMMITTEE MEMBERS (SRONCE)

Nancy Carr
Heather Hutcheson
Elisabeth Kersten
Sarah Anderberg

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: de la Cuesta Seconded: SooHoo Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Hutcheson: Kraft told the Commission of Hutcheson's many endeavors including poetry, literary artistry and involvement with Poetry Center in Sacramento. Hutcheson said she was a program coordinator for Center of Collaborative Planning and teaches at Cosumnes River College. She concluded that she also serves on Poet Laureate Committee for SMAC.

Kersten: Kraft said Kersten was advocate in the arts and has volunteered at Hemispheres Art School. She concluded that Kersten was a former director of the California Senate Office of Research for many years.

Carr: Kraft stated that Carr has interest in community and is an arts advocate for the Department of Education for the State. She has spent 35 years in public education and has studied fine arts and music.

Anderberg: Kraft stated her name was synonymous with the arts in California. Anderberg was the director of Sierra North Arts Partnership which enhances professional development for artists and teachers. Kraft concluded that Anderberg still serves as faculty for workshops and institutes regarding the arts.

B. APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE 2005-06 ARTSCAPES APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES (HALPERN):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Park Seconded: Miller Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Halpern said four arts groups sent positive e-mails to her regarding the Commission's vote to extend CAA grant cycle.

Halpern gave overview of ArtsScapes and how the grant was to help artists/arts groups make projects that makes Sacramento a cultural destination. Tachera asked about the names of the groups last cycle and Halpern named Fair Oaks Recreation Department, Les Belles Artes theater group to name a few. She stated that ArtsScapes wanted to cater to tourists by reaching out to new arts groups and multi cultural groups. Halpern added that Sacramento Visitors and Convention Bureau would be giving grant to multi-cultural group that best personifies Sacramento as a cultural destination. Halpern said application needed finalizing and she wanted grant to be easy for arts groups to fill out. SooHoo asked if writing workshop was mandatory and Halpern said it was not mandatory but helpful to attend.

C. APPROVE 2005-07 POET LAUREATE JULIA CONNOR:

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Tachera Seconded: Park Ayes: 8 Noes: 0 Absent: 2

Halpern described Connor as having incredible way with people and can reach out to kids from any ethnic background. She said Connor was a very popular poet as well as activist and poet. Director Walker opined that Connor was an amazing and humble poet. Halpern said Poet Laureate Reception for Connor would be on April 10th at the Sterling Hotel with a resolution presentation at City Council on April 5th. She concluded that Mayor Fargo would like Connor to read poem to Council.

VI. PRESENTATIONS: None.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S): Halpern held a Town Hall style meeting with the CAA Non profit grantees at Sierra II on March 15th to discuss peer dialogue and advocacy. She said arts groups shared information in break-out groups and had personal sessions with Director Walker. Rosenberg added that arts groups talked to one another about failures and successes in effort to get feedback about what people could do to help their group. Geiger asked if there would be another board development class and Rosenberg suggested that Geiger go through Board Link from Non Profit Resource Center.

Merksamser announced Music of the Holocaust event presented at Mondavi Center on Mother's Day.

Bloom announced guided tours of Sacramento International Airport would be held on May 1st with public art lecture on Oppenheim/Alavi's work on April 30th. Bloom also announced on August 7th, Light Rail Southline would be having an art

dedication . She concluded that County Juvenile Courthouse would be May 19th.

Porras said World Arts Program would be occupying old Forty Acres/St. Hope building on 1401 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd March 16th and would have summer programs from June 1-August 1. She explained the program would take short recess after August but will start after school program in September. Porras concluded that youth will design logo for World Arts Space and have own website.

Tachera expressed potential in having gallery committee that over sees or advises gallery operations. Director Walker expressed that she would work with Tachera about reinventing visual arts committee to involve galleries.

Park thanks the Commission and Halpern for Sacramento International Film Festival help. She said that film festival groups need further guidance and would like to collaborate with more film festival groups.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Sronce expressed concern with Commissioner about meetings being delayed or possible lack of quorum. He asked Commissioners to keep him informed about all absences and any other information that might affect Commission meetings.

Chair Sronce wanted to recognize committee members at the Airport Art Reception on April 28th. He requested that a framed certificate be drafted to all committee members and given out at reception.

IX.. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Walker attended CAN/CALAA Conferences which discussed new tax laws and the AB 655 Bill. The bill would put a one percent tax on all for-profit entertainment venues like concerts, movie venues and give the money to California Arts Council. She said amount could bring in about 17 million dollars to offset the budget cuts the CAC has received and would like California to get past the three cents per person capita for the arts. Director Walker talked about CAP WHIZ, an online blogging website that helps with grass roots advocacy to keep people informed in what is going on with the arts around the country. Caretto from the California Arts Advocacy group has been meeting with Matsui, Doolittle, Boxer praising SMAC and the good work we do in the community. Director Walker would like Caretto to make presentation at next SMAC meeting to discuss ways Commissioners could advocate the arts to legislators and elected officials.

X. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005 AT 1:30 PM .