

THE MINUTES OF THE  
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
October 1, 1985

Commissioners Present: Carol Borden, Chair  
Judy Gordon  
John Horrell  
Charles Smithers  
Maggie Upton  
Glenda Vandemark  
Carson Wiley  
Dennis Wilkerson  
Tom Witt

Commissioners Absent: Diana Perham (excused)  
Laurie Merchant

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. The minutes of the September 10, 1985 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Chair Report - "The Downtown Urban Design Study group will hold its first meeting in November." The paragraph on the distribution of committee minutes should be listed under the Director's Report.
3. Chair Report (Borden): Ex-commissioners David Rible, Pam Johnson, and James Neagle will be honored with resolutions at the October 8 City Council meeting.

Commissioners and the Director attended the first City meeting on the future of Plaza Park. Ceccherelli was assigned to a task force to gather input from the downtown merchants.

A meeting will be held October 21, 3:00 p.m., at the Commission office to work on guidelines for the performing arts committee.

4. Director's Report (Ceccherelli)
  - A. Commissioners wishing business cards labeled "Arts Commissioner" were asked to contact Shirley Wong.
  - B. The Director attended a National Endowment for the Arts Local Test Program (NEA-LTP) panel meeting and an Arts in Education Ad Hoc Committee meeting in Washinton, D.C.
  - C. Parks and Community Services Department held a retreat September 25-27. The department's goals are attached.
  - D. The California Confederation of the Arts Annual Congress will be held October 24-26 in Oakland. The Director, Chair and Commissioner Wiley will attend.

*and Commissioner Wilkerson*

- E. A luncheon was held September 24 to seek corporate advice on SMAC's fundraising needs.

5. Action Items

- A. A motion was made for SMAC to approve the committee appointments as read by the Chair (moved-Borden; second-Gordon). Approved.
- B. A motion was made for SMAC to approve Donna Billick's proposal for the County Mental Health Facility (moved-Borden; second-Horrell). Approved.
- C. A motion was made for SMAC to approve the Planning/Evaluation Process for the Visual Arts in Sacramento County (moved-Borden; second-Witt). Approved. Wilkerson asked that a visual artist with disabilities be included on the Planning and Evaluation Committee.
- D. A motion was made for SMAC to send a letter to Fred Uhl Ball and his mother expressing the Commission's hope for his recovery (moved-Wilkerson; second-Horrell). Approved.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee (Borden): A non-commissioner will be appointed to the APP Committee at the November meeting.
- B. Advocacy Committee (Horrell): Governor Deukmejian signed AB 2091 (Farr) which reinstates tax deductions for artists who donate their artwork to non-profit organizations. The Advocacy Committee will meet to discuss goals/objectives for next year. The Chamber of Commerce Mixer was an overwhelming success. Horrell thanked Christopher Watson and Thom Ellis for coordinating the event.
- C. Cultural Awards Committee (Gordon): The committee met to refine the on-site evaluation form and to work on next year's goals. The panel will meet October 31 and November 2. The committee will meet October 24 at 11:00 a.m.
- E. Program Committee (Wilkerson): Wilkerson, Borden, Ceccherelli and Ellis met with the County Office of Education staff to express SMAC's interest in participating in school arts programming.

The California Arts Council granted an award of \$4,546 to SMAC. Although the award was much smaller than requested, the CAC panel was impressed with the minority outreach portion of the proposal.

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7. Old Business: Volunteer log sheets should be submitted to Shirley Wong after the meeting.
8. New Business: The following persons spoke before the Commission voicing their concerns over the Civil Service testing process:

Christy Clark, Theatre Ballet Association  
Dan Kingman, Camellia Symphony  
Ronit Reiser, Camellia Symphony  
Mary Hudler, Friends auction volunteer  
Mark Whisler, Friends member, auction donor  
Marguerite Phares, Theatre Ballet Association  
Connie Mackenhaupt, Dance Association of  
Northern California  
Lynn Carlisle, contributor to the arts

A letter was submitted and referred to the Executive Committee.

Wilkerson asked that the Commission seek new locations to hold its monthly meetings.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shirley Wong*  
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Secretary