

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: January 13, 1993
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Coloma Community Center, Gold Run Room
4623 T Street

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COMMISSIONERS:

Gloria Burt	Mary Anne Payne
Pat Davidson	Susan Sinclair
Lynn Ericksen	Freeman Tinnin
K. George Klumb	Sandra Yee
Anthony P. Marquez, Chair	Dennis Yep
Paula Munson	

- I. CALL TO ORDER: At the hour of 4:15 p.m. ROLL CALL: All present except Commissioner Ericksen.
- II. APPROVE AGENDA OF JANUARY 13, 1993
Moved: Burt; seconded: Yee
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 1992
Moved: Sinclair; seconded: Tinnin
Ayes: Unanimous
- IV. PRESENTATION(S) - None.
- V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Adrianna Lavell was introduced as one of the new Performing Arts Committee members.

Priscilla Demo expressed her concern of dollars being taken away from the Arts in Sacramento. She stated that there was a need to advocate for the Arts and unify the community. She encouraged community members to write letters of support.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Meetings with elected officials and Commissioners will take place January and February to discuss funding for the Arts. It is important to emphasize why arts funding should be a priority, socially and economically. There has already been large cuts in our budget due to the removal of the Children's Festival from the Arts Commission's budget, two staff vacancies and general operating budget cuts.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE

The regranting panel met last week. The panels went well. Members of the public have called to say they enjoyed observing the process. The Appeals Panel will meet February 4. The Commission took a 26% budget cut, which resulted in two additional vacant staff positions and operational budget cuts. The Arts Commission's Retreat is scheduled for February 27. The State is proposing additional budget cuts of up to 50% to the California Arts Council (CAC). Privatization of the CAC is also being discussed. Priscilla Demo has been volunteering with Art Education consultant Victoria Plata. City Deputy Director Robert Thomas will give a presentation on the City's budget at February's Commission meeting. The City Manager is to meet Friday with Management on the budget.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. VISUAL ARTS (Tinnin) - Dean Moniz has resigned from the Visual Arts Committee. Live/Work Subcommittee is going well. Billy Wolf has registered 70 artists. Alpha Bruton is sponsoring a cultural workshop, which may be held at City College. Goals for the Committee include increasing attendance and community input.
 - B. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Yee) - No report.
 - C. AWARDS (Sinclair) - Panels met last week to review 1992-93 Sacramento Cultural Awards applications. The panel process went very well. The Committee will meet January 25 to discuss rankings. The deadline for appeals are next week, with the Appeals Panel on February 4. The Committee will meet February 22 to vote on final recommendations and forward them on to the Arts Commission for their approval March 10.
 - D. PERFORMING ARTS (Burt) - Maggie Upton of Business Volunteers for the Arts was approached to discuss initial planning for a regional Cultural Master Plan. The Committee is working on getting the structure in place before setting a regular day and time for the Ad Hoc Regional Cultural Master Plan Committee. Subcommittees will form to gather information on statistics, marketing studies, economic impact, etc. Judy Carey and Ericka Jackson are interested in being on a core Committee. Chair Marquez expressed the importance of planning for a regional Cultural Master Plan and the need to invite elected officials to the meetings. Another discussion meeting will take place to determine final decision.
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IX. AD HOC REPORTS

- A. Advocacy (Walker, as reported from Ericksen) - Priority issues with the Advocacy Committee are: 1) Retention of existing staff, 2) retaining County funds, 3) retaining administration funds, and 4) keeping County regranting funds the same.
 - B. Master Cultural Plan (Burt) - No additional report.
 - C. Children's Festival (Davidson) - City Council approved funding. The Children's Festival will take place June 5. There will be storytelling presented to 25 schools. Its official! The Guinness Book of World Records has recognized the 1992 Children's Festival as achieving the record for long distance dance. The world record of 19 miles will be published in the 1993 issue.
 - D. Downtown District (Burt) - No report.
 - E. Memorial Auditorium (Payne) - The Committee meets every other Thursday. Recommendations will be made to City Council. Being discussed are what is needed to open the Memorial Auditorium and adhere to necessary codes. Group concerns include changes made to the interior and changes in the acoustics. Also being considered is the historical nature of the Auditorium and use feasibility for various groups.
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X. FRIENDS REPORT

Michelle Walker reported that Friends has approved giving \$500 to the California Cultural Assembly for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration. It will take place January 16, 17 and 18.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

As stated earlier, Dean Moniz has submitted his letter of resignation from the Visual Arts Committee.

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - None.

XIV. INFORMATION REPORTS

Rhonda Brady discussed establishing a non-profit Sacramento African-American Coalition. Over 20 artists and groups will be a part of the group to advocate and focus on African-American issues.

Robbin Ware stressed the need to work together in identifying priorities. He acknowledged members of the Arts Coalition for their advocacy efforts. Mr. Ware also thanked Priscilla Demo for volunteering with the Arts Commission.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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