

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: October 14, 1992
4:00-6:00 p.m.

California Arts Council
2411 Alhambra Boulevard

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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 4:20 p.m. ROLL CALL: All present except Commissioners Ericksen, Marquez and Payne. Freeman Tinnin was introduced as the Arts Commission's newly-appointed Commissioner.
- II. APPROVE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 14, 1992
Moved: Yee; seconded: Munson
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1992
Minutes were approved with the following correction: Munson gave the reported on the Awards Committee, with Marquez providing additional comments.
Moved: Burt; seconded: Klumb
Ayes: Unanimous
- IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 1992 RETREAT
Moved: Klumb; seconded: Munson
Ayes: Unanimous
- V. PRESENTATION(S) - None.
- VI. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Priscilla Demo expressed her displeasure in the article and rebuttal which was published by the Sacramento Bee on former Director Wendy Ceccherelli.

John Collentine complimented staff on the format of the Arts Commission's newsletter, the QuARterly. He suggested the Arts Commission use the newsletter to publish minutes, as well as inform the public on local events. He stated that publicity is needed in Sacramento for the arts community.

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Introduction of Acting Director - Michelle Walker was introduced as the Arts Commission's Acting Director.
 - B. Conflict of Interest Policy - A revised Conflict of Interest Policy was approved by the City Council and will be heard by the County Board of Supervisors on October 20. The current policy's language is too restrictive. A revised policy will be more in line with the California Arts Council's Conflict of Interest Policy.
 - C. APP Task Force Recommendations - Recommendations have gone forward with City Council. Many of the items are contingent upon others. The task force has been renamed the Arts Regranting Task Force.
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VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE

- A. Indirect Rate - Discussions with the APP Committee continue regarding the indirect rate. The rate has been reduced from 180% to 102%. This item will come before the Arts Commission, and, if necessary, the City Council.
 - B. Plaza Park - At their last meeting, the Arts Commission granted the APP Committee final approval of the design concept and artist for Plaza Park. The APP Committee unanimously approved the project and artist, David Rible. The project is expected to be completed by March 1993.
 - C. Downtown District - Acting Director Walker discussed confusion by the public as to which agency is responsible for their public art projects. Other concerns include the protection of artists.
 - D. Staffing - Some interviews have taken place for an APP Consultant. Ms. Walker hopes to have hired someone by next month. The hiring of a Grants Coordinator has been approved. This individual will be a limited-term employee. Timelines for the Grants Program will be set back one month, until a Grants Coordinator is hired. When the Sacramento Cultural Arts Awards have been awarded, the Arts Commission will send letters to organizations if there is a need to ask their bank for a line of credit for the amount funded them. Mario Moreno, with the Grants Program, is in the process of looking for panelists for the Sacramento Cultural Arts Awards panel. There will be seven or eight panelists, representing various ethnic groups, arts disciplines and large and small budget organizations.
 - E. Miscellaneous - Yesterday, the Symphony received \$200,000 from the City, in addition to their \$350,000 line of credit. The Symphony already received \$200,000 from the County. The Children's Festival will probably get approval for funding on October 28. Soon after that, the money should be available. The Advocacy Committee met. Committee members will be meeting with elected officials to discuss arts issues regarding the City, County and Downtown Cultural District. Ms. Walker attended a meeting on September 25 for exempt management staff. Issues discussed at that meeting will also be discussed on October 28 at a City Council public workshop. Discussion included talks on a five-year deficit projection and the definition of core and non-core services. All City programs will be looked at to find cost savings. APP is listed as core; regranting is listed as non-core. At the October 28 meeting, non-core programs could be decided as core. Core programs will be funded; non-core would be prioritized for possible funding. It is imperative that the arts community show its support by attending these meetings. In addition, a New Directions Task Force, composed of Department Managers will be meeting to discuss the issues stated above, as well as Department incentives for cost savings. The targeted deficit for 1993-94 is projected for \$16 million. Ms. Walker suggested reading the book, "Reinventing Government," as the City is in the process of reorganizing. The Arts Commission will be going back to the County Board of Supervisors to ask for additional funding. Their Code states that they must give the same amount of money that the City gives to cultural organizations.
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IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. VISUAL ARTS (Moniz) - Kim Scott gave a report on the Visual Arts Committee. The Committee welcomes Freeman Tinnin as their newest member. The Committee is putting together an inventory of adaptable spaces that are available. These spaces might be houses, duplexes, warehouses, etc. The Committee is asking for input in putting together a list of spaces. Billy Wolf has volunteered to work with the Live/Work Space Subcommittee to act as a clearinghouse for people who are looking for spaces, those who have spaces, or for those who are interested in obtaining information on the Live/Work Ordinance. Ms. Scott stated that there was concern raised regarding the SHRA proposals as well.
 - B. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Yee) - Commissioner Tinnin reported that Plaza Park was the only action item on the APP agenda. The Budget office reported on the indirect rate. They will work to keep the arts groups happy.
 - C. AWARDS (Marquez) - Michelle Walker reported that the Committee will hear an action item regarding approval of a panelist pool for the Cultural Arts Awards Program.
 - D. PERFORMING ARTS (Burt) - Commissioner Burt stated that their Committee is in the process up updating a facilities inventory and prioritizing into events. Judy Johnson, a real estate specialist, met with Ms. Burt regarding facility planning and development. Ms. Johnson will be working on the facility inventory with Ms. Burt. Commissioner Burt stated that she felt SHRA was ignoring the plan that was approved by City Council to prioritize facility needs in the downtown district. There was some confusion on the part of SHRA as to what was to be done with the \$650,000 "Docks" money. A few days ago, John Malloy, of SHRA, agreed that no money would be given out to any development within the district without the Downtown District's Board approval. Discussion has begun on regional cultural plan information sharing. Many counties have cultural plans already. The Committee would like to host an information sharing event. Issues discussed would include Sacramento's many privately-owned theaters.
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X. AD HOC REPORTS

- A. ADVOCACY (Ericksen) - Commissioner Davidson reported that some Arts Commissioners have met with council members regarding arts advocacy. Commissioner Yee stressed the importance of meeting with Council members and the need to remain visible. Key issues are the arts needs of the City, County, and the Downtown District.
 - B. DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (Burt) - No report.
 - C. MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM (Payne) - No report.
 - D. CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL (Davidson) - Commissioner Davidson reported that the Children's Festival is waiting for funding. It looks like it could be available after October 28.
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XI. FRIENDS REPORT

McDaniel and Thorn Workshop - The workshop was cancelled due to low pre-registrations. Friends would like to hold the workshop at a later date, if possible. McDaniel and Thorn are in the process of publishing a document on their work. The next meeting will be held October 20, 11:30 a.m., at 555 Capitol Mall, 8th Floor Conference Room. the Annual Meeting will take place November 17, 11:30 a.m., at the same location. Nominations for new officers are: President, Kitty Simpson; Vice President, Iris Yang; Treasurer, Dick Janes; and Secretary, Louise Savage. The Cultural Resources Directory is coming along well. Approximately 50 artists or arts groups have responded. The criteria is that they have worked with schools. Other arts groups are still being contacted. A sample of the Cultural Resources Directory was on hand for review.

XII. OLD BUSINESS - None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS - None.

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS - None.

XV. INFORMATION REPORTS

Art in Public Places Indirect Rate - Previously discussed.
Core Services and Restructuring City/County - Previously discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made to adjourn at the hour of 5:25. Moved: Davidson; seconded: Burt. Motion passed unanimously.

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