

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Meeting Date: May 11, 1994  
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sacramento Marina  
2710 Ramp Way, Sacramento

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COMMISSIONERS:

Gloria Burt  
Vera L. Davis  
Gerry N. Kamilos  
Quan Van Le

Anthony P. Marquez, Chair  
Freeman Tinnin  
Sandra Yee  
Dennis Yep

I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:20 p.m. All Commissioners present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF MAY 11, 1994  
Moved: Yep; seconded: Yee  
Ayes: Unanimous

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 1994 - Minutes approved with the following corrections: Item IX.C. - Art in Public Places Committee Report. Two local artists will be selected to work as with apprentices with a nationally-recognized mentor artist on the Convention Center's East Lobby Ballroom suspended artwork. An artsplan is being revised...for Cavanaugh Golf Course. The new artsplan will address the interior courtyard with a lobby mural and five benches nearby.  
Moved: Tinnin; seconded: Burt  
Ayes: Unanimous

IV. PRESENTATION(S) - None.

V. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Priscilla Demo stated that there have been recent positive articles in the newspaper which discuss the arts and artists working with youth. Ms. Demo stated that it is important to send copies of positive articles to elected officials at the local and state level as a lobby for the arts. Chair Marques agreed, stating that there is a need to advocate and advertise these positive programs.

VI. ACTION ITEMS (A-C):

A. APPROVE NOMINATIONS FOR 1994-1995 ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR (MARQUEZ)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO NOMINATE SANDRA YEE FOR ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR. Moved: Yep; seconded: Burt

A MOTION WAS MADE TO NOMINATE FREEMAN TINNIN FOR ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR. Moved: Le; seconded: Yep

Commissioner Le stated that he would like nominees to comment on what they see as their direction for the Arts Commission as Chair.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR 1994-1995 ARTS COMMISSION CHAIR.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Burt  
Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 0  
Motion passed unanimously.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO HAVE THE NOMINEES MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT PRESENTING THEIR DIRECTION FOR THE ARTS COMMISSION. Moved: Yep; seconded: Tinnin. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time nominees stated that they also welcomed calls from Commissioners to discuss their views.

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B. APPROVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION APP PROJECT, PHASE I, SITE A AND SITE B (ESAJIAN)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE RFP FOR CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION APP PROJECT, PHASE I, SITE A AND SITE B (WITH FURTHER EXPLANATION OF ARTWORK POSSIBILITIES).

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Tinnin; seconded: Yee  
Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 0  
Motion passed unanimously.

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C. APPROVE 1994-1995 CULTURAL ARTS AWARDS GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION (HELLER)

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Burt; seconded: Yep  
Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 0  
Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Marquez thanked staff and members of the Awards Committee. He expressed his appreciation of the work that has gone into the guidelines.

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VII. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Marquez commented on the excellent quality of workshops being given by the Arts Commission, since the Agency has been under the direction of Michelle Walker. There are several free workshops being given in the near future for arts organizations and artists. On Saturday, May 21, workshops will be held for small and emerging organizations and individual artist: Morning session - "Forming and Managing a Non-Profit Arts Organization," Afternoon session - "Protect Yourself: Copyright and Legal Issues for the Artist." On Saturday, June 11, workshops will be held for staff and board members of organizations interested in Cultural Arts Awards: Morning session - "What is Outreach and How

To Do It," Afternoon session - "Key Stages of Board Development." All workshops will be held at the Coloma Community Center.

An Agency Orientation is being planned for May 26. All Commissioners, Committee members, Friends of the Arts Commission, Friends Board, elected officials and staff are invited. The purpose will be to meet everyone, share current program information and to find out how you can participate in fostering the growth of the arts in Sacramento.

On May 12, Commissioner Yep's Performing Arts Committee meets at 4 p.m., at the Coloma Community Center. Ted Sheedy will give a presentation on the "A to Z Initiative." Discussion will include the implications of this special district.

May 19 is the date for the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) reception and awards presentations for students. The reception will take place at the Crocker Art Museum, 5:30 p.m. This event is being hosted by the Friends of the Arts Commission and the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. On the same day, a subcommittee meets to discuss the CSSSA's and California Arts Council's budget.

Marquez stated that he has enjoyed being Chair of the Commission, though at times it has been a struggle in working with the ignorance of those not involved in the arts. There is a need to become better advocates of the arts. Marquez stated that he plans to continue to work with the Commission and Director Walker in furthering the arts and continuing to develop a strong and effective Commission.

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#### VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE

The Agency's administrative budget will stay the same as last year. Director Walker doesn't know the outcome of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) money. Decisions will be made by the County in August regarding the Cultural Arts Awards program. Chair Marquez expressed how please he is to start the year with no budget cut--energy can be directed towards positive programs.

Victoria Plata and Laurie Heller recently wrote a grant proposal for a murals program. The California Arts Council's panel reviewed the proposal and gave it a "4." The panel commented that it is a model program. Chair Marquez stated that the Arts Commission's proposal received the CAC's highest marks available. If the Mayor's crime package passes there may be additional revenue for the arts.

Director Walker thanked Commissioner Yee for inviting and getting the Governor's wife, Gail Wilson, to speak at the (CSSSA) reception. Commissioner Marquez will also speak at the reception.

Ms. Walker asked that everyone attend the Agency Orientation to hear about all the changes that are taking place and to become more aware of the work being done in the various programs.

Director Walker thanked Commissioner Marquez for his participation as Chair on the Commission and for his friendship.

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#### IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. PERFORMING ARTS (Yep) - No further report. The Committee meets tomorrow. Commissioner Yep thanked Commissioner Marquez for being Chair.
- B. VISUAL ARTS - No report. Walker stated that the Visual Arts Committee members wished to hold their meetings with all members acting as Chair on a rotation basis. As working artists, they feel the shared responsibility will work best.
- C. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Esajian) - Ms. Esajian stated that the focus is now on the Convention Center project. This Monday, at 8:30 a.m., a panel will meet to select a nationally-recognized mentor artist and finalists for two apprentice positions. A site visit at the Convention Center will precede the panel discussion. A special social event was held for Jack Nielsen as a thank you for his years of service as a Committee member.

- D. ARTS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (Plata) - Katie Thomas has been selected as the coordinator for the Alamo Rent-A-Car Student Artwork Gallery. She has experience working at the Santa Monica Museum of Art and as a teacher. Ms. Katie will begin working immediately with eight schools. The Artists' Showcase will be held at the Children's Festival on June 4 to showcase the talents of the artists listed in the Cultural Resource Directory. Artists will be performing at various locations as well as assisting children with hands-on artwork projects at the Imagination Station. Friends of the Arts Commission is funding the printing for a revised Cultural Resource Director and hope to have it available at the Children's Festival. The AIDS RAP Opera, "Virgin-In-A-Sense," is in rehearsal and students are currently working on their paintings. The Phantom Gallery is exhibiting the paintings from the last RAP Opera, at Second Saturday, on Del Paso Boulevard. Paintings will also be on display in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building, May 16 - 20. Though the Murals program was granted by the CAC, the dollar amount is not known. The proposal was ranked 2nd and received a "4" rating.
- E. AWARDS (Heller) - Ms. Heller handed out flyers for upcoming workshops and copies of the Grantees' Calendar. A Technical Assistance Subcommittee has been meeting every other week with the California Original Theatre Company (COTC). A flyer of their May 6-21 production "Losing the Music," a play about Alzheimers, was distributed. Another COTC play will be presented in the fall. Overall, the COTC felt very good in having technical assistance support. Commissioner Kamilos thanked Laurie Heller and commented that through the Technical Assistance program he was made aware of the high-quality artistic contributions of groups which sometimes need assistance with administration. The Business Volunteers for the Arts will work with the COTC in continuing to build Board and administration skills. Commissioner Burt reported back on the performance of Taiko Dan and Ruth Rosenberg Ensemble, stating that it was excellent. Ms. Burt also reported that the IDEA Artspace site specific work of Metamorphosis Art Project is in the Encore Theatre. This project is in collaboration with the Downtown Association and Second Saturday. Late Night Sacramento brochures, who's logo was designed by Arts Program Assistant Kathy Gee, were handed out.
- F. FUND AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Kamilos) - The Committee did not meet. Committee members will be attending the Agency Orientation. Funding sources and options are being researched and will be discussed at the next meeting.
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X. AD HOC REPORTS

- A. Advocacy - Chair Marquez asked that a meeting be set up.  
B. Master Cultural Plan/Regional Alliance for Arts Planning (Burt) - No report.
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XI. FRIENDS REPORT

President Kitty Simpson thanked Commissioner Kamilos for helping to bring on new Board members. Students will put on performances at the CSSSA reception. A newly-formed Executive Committee will meet every two weeks in addition to the regular meetings.

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XII. OLD BUSINESS - None.

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- XIII. NEW BUSINESS - Commissioner Yee commented on the Sacramento Symphony and the success of their outreach programs. The performance of the Pacific Rim Concert at City College was very well received. The community showed their support by their excellent attendance. Additional World View Concert Series will take place highlighting Hispanic and African American music.
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XIV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED - None.

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XV. INFORMATION REPORTS - None.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT - At the hour of 5:56 a motion was made to adjourn. Moved: Yep; seconded: Kamilos. Motion passed unanimously.

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