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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Sessions:

SUBJECT: Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission Annual Report FY 1989-90

**SUMMARY:**

This report constitutes an informational update on the past year's activities for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. It presents a listing of accomplishments of agency programs and ongoing projects, and an overview of plans for the upcoming year.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Program Highlights:

Grants:

During fiscal year 1989-1990, the Arts Commission awarded \$404,823 in Sacramento County Cultural Awards grants to twenty-nine arts organizations in the Level One category. Awards totalling \$163,063 were awarded to Level Two arts organizations. This year the New Works Awards program awarded \$26,860 to twenty-three artists, for the creation of original works of art. The Arts Commission announced the introduction of a new city grants category—the Multi-Cultural Arts Awards Program.

Special Events:

The City Life program of outdoor cultural events began as a pilot program in 1987 under the City's Urban Design Plan which called for cultural activities to take place as part of the city's downtown revitalization efforts. The goal of City Life is to establish downtown Sacramento as a viable venue for cultural activities which incorporates Sacramento's highly diverse cultural traditions. Building on the City Life Summer Series of downtown outdoor events, the Arts Commission produced a community wide arts celebration: the Sacramento Children's Festival. Over thirty-six city and county schools, 100 arts organizations, and 600 individuals participated in the Festival. Over 50,000 children and adults were attracted to the celebration of Sacramento's diverse cultural traditions. Ten visual artists worked with over 3,000 children to create masks during a three month period that culminated in an exhibit of 250 masks entitled "Me Myself - A Celebration of Faces" at the Crocker Art Museum.

Art in Public Places:

Projects completed for the Art in Public Places program totalled \$414,988 during FY 1989-1990. These projects included the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, County Mental Health Facility, City Hall Council Chamber, City Hall First Floor and Central Library Galleria. The program also promotes public awareness of public art by training docents to present a series of downtown walking tours and by working with downtown merchants, Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau, and City of Sacramento Parking division to develop a "Park and Walk" brochure. Future projects include the artwork for the Memorial Auditorium Renovation and the Convention Center Expansion.

FINANCIAL DATA:

None

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

None

MBE/WBE EFFORTS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

No action is required by the City Council. This report is provided for information only and does not require budgetary action.

Respectfully submitted,



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