

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 12, 2005  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

915 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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COMMISSIONERS

JOHN WONG    JENNIFER TACHERA  
MARGI PARK    NEILL SOOHOO  
DON SRONCE    JOANNA DE LA CUESTA  
JAN GEIGER    NAN MAHON  
PATTI MILLER    LINDA MERKSAMER  
CHARLES BARR

I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 1:33 p.m.

Present: Geiger, Sronce, Barr, Tachera, de la Cuesta, Miller, Wong  
Excused: Mahon, Merksamer, Soohoo, Park

II. APPROVE AGENDA OF December 12, 2005: All ayes

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF October 17, 2005: All ayes

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 MINUTES): None.

Commission is on track to do second Monday meetings throughout 2006. Chair's meeting will move up accordingly.

Chair Geiger was privileged to attend the APP meeting; she was thrilled with art presented.

II. ACTION ITEMS:

The order of the Action Items was changed to accommodate the Parks projects.

B. APPROVAL OF PRIVATE DONATION OF PAINTING "BEFORE THE STORM" BY ARTIST SHIMO FROM DONOR HENRY CHAN (BLOOM):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Srónce Seconded: de la Cuesta Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 4 Wong recused

Artist Shimo is donating the artwork and the APP Committee and City of Sacramento are requesting framing and installation costs of \$1,000, mostly for a lexan frame for the art piece, which depicts lotus. Shimo created this artwork in 2000, left China and emigrated to Sacramento, and decided to donate the piece to Sacramento. The paper the painting is done on has a huge watermark to prevent reproduction and copying. The painting is painted on the back and front of the paper, and is appraised at \$20,000-25,000.

C. APPROVAL OF AWARDS FOR 2006-07 PLANNING MINI-GRANT (ROSENBERG):

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Wong Seconded: Barr Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

Rosenberg put together two funding scenarios, but recommends scenario 1, as it will allow 80% of the amount requested by 14 organizations, allowing each group to do more. Consultants were recommended by the Nonprofit Resource Center; Rosenberg didn't recommend the consultants directly. She did, however, give each organization an article "How to Work With Consultants." Many of the groups have a high turnover in their grantwriters, but this grant will allow the information to stay with the organization, not leave in the heads of the leaders.

Commissioners would love to see "finished product," meaning they would like to hear from an organization how they benefited from the mini-grant, and Rosenberg will pick an organization to report back. The commissioners felt this would engage them, give them a chance to see the end result.

VII. (Out of order) DISCUSSION ITEMS: 2006-07 Cultural Arts Awards update (Halpern): Reminder: Commissioners approved in February '05. This is going before the Board of Supervisors and City Council on 12/13, consent. Organizations are being awarded the same money as last year, in this multi-year grant cycle. Grantees are very happy with this, as it helps in terms of timing. They are also excited about grants applications going on-line. The new CAA grant cycle will go forward in 06 for 07-09. Halpern will have one arts organization to Commission meeting to report back.

2006 Artsclapes update (Halpern): Halpern brought an ethnicity report to the Commission, reporting on audiences. The majority of the 26 arts groups appeal to general audiences, but all organizations try to appeal to a broad audience, making their presentations accessible to as many ethnic groups as possible.

There is a full-page ad in Comstock's magazine about the Commissioners as cultural ambassadors.

A. APPROVAL OF CITY PARKS PROJECTS (BLOOM):

APP COMMITTEE ACTION: Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Miller; seconded: Wong Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Absent: 4

13 parks projects were presented, most in Natomas, though one downtown, one in Meadowview. All artists have small budgets, and were chosen through group selection panel. This is a good opportunity for emerging artists. The panel consisted of developers, community members, parks managers, artists and staff. There were 19 panelists over 2 days. All artists chosen were local and regional.

VI. PRESENTATIONS: None

VII. CHAIR'S REPORT: Chair Geiger thanked Commissioners for participating in planning process and retreat. She wants to

make sure everyone has input, and want to make sure commissioners have input into each meeting, and all processes.

Gawthrop memorial service 12-12-05; nice to see her memorialized appropriately by the arts community she served.

Chair Geiger expressed appreciation for the Alhambra Water Project, which was 3 ½ years in the making.

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IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Walker stated that the minutes for the past year are posted on the website for everyone's edification. Also minutes and agendas are posted on website before meetings.

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X. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: None.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

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THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON Monday, January 9, 2006 AT 1:30 PM.