

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 15, 1998
4:00-6:30 p.m.

Sacramento Central Library Galleria.
828 I Street, Lower Level West Meeting Room, Sacramento

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COMMISSIONERS:

Luke W. Breit
Michelle Egan
Marcy Friedman
Raymond L. Gage
Gerry N. Kamilos
Quan Van Le

W. Kearse McGill
Richard E. Merz
R. Burnett Miller
Kendall Person
Gloria A. Woodlock

- I. CALL TO ORDER - At the hour of 4:07 p.m. by Vice Chair Le. Excused Absences: Gage. Absent: Breit
- II. APPROVED AGENDA OF APRIL 15, 1998.
Moved: McGill; seconded: Miller.
Ayes: Unanimous
- III. APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 1998.
Moved: McGill; seconded: Miller.
Ayes: Unanimous
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Visual Arts Committee Logo (Susan Z'berg/Bloom)
Susan Z'berg made a presentation on behalf of the Visual Arts Committee to familiarize the Commission with the VA Committee's newly-chosen logo. The Committee wants to become more visible in the community with colorful banners and business cards. The Commission approved but suggested the SMAC logo also be included. Committee members Greg Barton and Lloyd Bakan are preparing to publish a call for artists for the Thursday Night Market.

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B. Artrain (Walker) (Added to meeting)

Video of Artrain from The Today Show was shown. Artrain will be in Sacramento May 7-10. Artrain, hosted by SMAC and funded by CAC, Mervyn's, Chrysler, and Friends of SMAC, is bringing prints on loan from the Smithsonian of contemporary artists like O'Keefe and DeKoonig to Sacramento, among the 39 towns on this year's tour. There will be a reception for the Artrain at the Railroad Museum on May 7 from 6-8 p.m., to which all Commissioners will be invited. There will be 24 scheduled tours daily Thursday and Friday, with Saturday and Sunday open to anyone.

V. A. APPROVED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS (KAMILOS)

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE SANDRA ROBERTS AND NANCY ANDERSEN FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE AND SUSAN LUTZ FOR THE ARTS EDUCATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: McGill; seconded: Miller: Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 3 Abstention 0

B. APPROVED 1998 NEW WORKS APPLICATION (HELLER)

COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Miller; seconded: Friedman Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 3 Abstention 0

C. APPROVED 1998 MUSIC FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS (HELLER)

COMMISSION ACTION:

Vote taken with McGill recusing himself for Conflict of Interest with Kamau Mensah
Moved: Woodlock; seconded: Egan Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 3 Recusal 1

Vote taken with Kamau Mensah included
Moved: Woodlock; seconded: Friedman Ayes 8 Noes 0 Absent 3

VI. PRESENTATIONS: None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS(S): None

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT: None

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The three new program assistants should be on board by end of April.

XI. OLD BUSINESS OR NEW BUSINESS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Le at 4:52 p.m.

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Awards Sister City Exchange Subcommittee Meeting
Monday, April 27, 1998
City Hall, 915 I Street, Room 302

Present: Chiang, Hernandez, Kavardijkova; Staff: Haller, Seto

Meeting convened at 3:40 p.m. Agenda was approved. Minutes were not provided from last meeting.

John Seto was introduced as the new Grants Assistant who will take over primary responsibilities of Sister City Subcommittee.

Chiang reported on Jinan, China and the successful visit of five children from that city's Children's Palace. She reaffirmed how the consistent visits by Sacramentan delegations had paid off in cementing relations and the granting of special requests.

Discussions took place on the need to internally inform and consolidate efforts of all seven of Sacramento's sister cities work groups - Manila, The Philippines; Matsuyama, Japan; Jinan, China; Hamilton, New Zealand; Liestal, Switzerland; Chisinau, Moldova and Yongsan-gu, Korea. Suggestion was made that our group reconvene to prepare a statement of purpose and compose a letter to bring together the local leadership representing the other sister cities. A meeting is scheduled for 5/18 at 5:30 p.m. at SMAC towards this end. Recommendations made then will be presented to the Awards Committee in the May 26 meeting. Upon approval, these findings will be presented to the Arts Commission, to be followed by invitations to contact persons of the other Sister city groups for a meeting in June. A brainstorming meeting with representatives of the 7 sister city organizations is expected to take place in August. September would be taken up with research by an intern on similarly facilitated projects which may have been carried out by organizations in other cities.

Discussions also took place on cultural exchange possibilities. An idea favored by all was the promotion of the Arts Commission's Fellowships award recipients. This would allow our city to showcase its artistic treasures and introduce to our sister cities distinct American art forms. Suggestion was made that if subsidies could be obtained; perhaps a Fellowships artist(s) could be included as a member of a delegation in future visits to sister cities. Arrangements may be made for them to perform or exhibit while there.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30. Next meeting on May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the conference room of the Arts Commission. The Sister City Subcommittee voted that their subsequent meetings will follow the Awards Committee meeting instead of preceding it.