



MINUTES

Regular Commission Meeting
Scripps Ranch Community Center
11885 Cypress Canyon Road, San Diego CA 92101
Friday, April 17, 2009

Commissioners Present

Colette Carson-Royston, Chair	Lew Klein
Claire Anderson	Bennett Peji
Courtney Ann Coyle	Sharletta Richardson
Garet Clark	Randy Robbins
Robert Gleason	Lorin Stewart
Joanne Hayakawa	John Venekamp

Commissioners Absent

Dea Hurston
Judy McDonald
Victoria Reed

Chair Colette Carson Royston called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:40 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Carson Royston welcomed Commission members, staff and guests to the meeting.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2009 regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. **The motion was approved by unanimous consent.**

B. Announcements

Colette congratulated Robert H. Gleason for being named the San Diego LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Pride's *2009 Champion of Pride*, for his devoted involvement in fund-raising, the arts and numerous political activities that focus on the community's quest for equal rights.

1. Retreat Follow Up - Chair Colette Carson Royston reported that a survey will be sent to Commissioners regarding the retreat discussions and will ask them to prioritize next steps.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON FY10 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

No public comment was made.

IV. **FY10 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. FY10 Budget Overview

Victoria Hamilton gave an overview of the FY10 funding recommendations. She reported that the City Council will be reviewing the Commission's budget on May 7, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 12 Floor, City Council Chambers.

For the record the Commissioners disclosed conflicts of interest and their abstentions from voting on the following Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) organizations:

Colette Carson Royston – Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego Opera.

Courtney Ann Coyle – San Diego Archeological Center, San Diego Natural History Museum and Save Our Heritage Organisation.

Bennett Peji – New Americans Museum.

Robert Gleason – The Old Globe, San Diego Men's Chorus, Salvation Army.

John Venekamp – La Jolla Music Society

Randy Robbins – Christian Community Theatre on the Midway.

B. Budget Action Items

1. **FY10 overall budget distribution** – Courtney Ann Coyle **made a motion** to approve the methodology for determining the FY10 funding amounts as approved by the Funding Committee and recommend to the Mayor the exact amounts as staff may identify using the approved methodology. Claire Anderson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. **FY10 Organizational Support Program funding recommendations** – Courtney Ann Coyle **made a motion** to approve the methodology for determining the FY10 Organizational Support Program funding amounts as approved by the Funding Committee and recommend to the Mayor the exact amounts as staff may identify using the approved methodology. Claire Anderson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

3. **FY10 Creative Communities San Diego funding recommendations** – Courtney Ann Coyle **made a motion** to approve the methodology for determining the FY10 Creative Communities San Diego funding amounts as approved by the Funding Committee and recommend to the Mayor the exact amounts as staff may identify using the approved methodology. Randy Robbins seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

1. Survive and Thrive Initiative - Victoria reported that San Diego Performing Arts League, along with the Commission and San Diego Foundation as part of the *Survive and Thrive Initiative*, is hosting an *Arts in Crisis: A Kennedy Center Initiative* symposium on Monday, April 27, 2009, 8:30am-4:30pm at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114. She said that this event will provide planning assistance to arts and culture organizations seeking to survive in today's economic downturn and will help performing arts managers and their volunteers put the recession in perspective and provide helpful tips for sustaining their organizations in the midst of economic turmoil.

Victoria also reported that there will be a second meeting of San Diego arts funders and donors on Thursday, May 7, 2009, 12:00–2:00 p.m., at Bank of America, 450 B Street, 20th floor, US Trust boardroom, downtown San Diego. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update on the *Survive and Thrive Initiative*, discuss a methodology for a visibility campaign and continue the dialogue on how to collaborate to help the region's arts and culture community during this time of economic uncertainty. She said that the Commission has applied for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant to support the *Survive and Thrive Initiative*.

2. Diversity Initiative Report – Victoria announced that the report is in its final design phase and should be released soon. She thanked Commissioners, and in particular Victoria Reed, for their important input during the editing process.

3. FY2008 Community and Economic Impact Report - Victoria reported that the Commission staff is gathering the statistics for the FY2008 Community and Economic Impact Report, which will focus on "jobs and working". She said that there will be a press conference with the Mayor in early May at the Old Globe's Tech Center to release the report. The date is still to be determined.

VI. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Approve Public Art Process for Asian Historic District Gateway

Dana Springs gave a brief overview of the project. Bennett Peji abstained from the vote and noted that the correct title for the project is "Asian **Pacific** Historic District Gateway. John Venekamp **made a motion** to approve the public art process for the Asian Pacific Historic District Gateway. Claire Anderson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously with the name correction.**

B. Approve the Artist Selection Panel for the Asian Pacific Historic District Gateway

Dana Springs gave a brief overview the artist selection panel. Claire Anderson **made a motion** to approve the artist selection panel for the Asian Pacific Historic District Gateway. Garet Clark seconded the motion. Bennett Peji abstained from the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Approve Incoming Loan of Artworks by Kim Abeles

Christine Jones gave a brief overview of the incoming loan of artworks. Claire Anderson **made a motion** to approve the incoming loan of artworks by Kim Abeles. Courtney Ann Coyle seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Public Art Updates - Randy Robbins reported that artist Pae White presented her art proposal in a more developed state to the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan Public Art Committee (NEVP PAC) on March 17, 2009 and the committee voted to recommend approval of the art proposal to the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan Joint Powers Authority (NEVP JPA) Board. The NEVP JPA Board received an informational presentation from the artist about the art proposal on March 26, 2009. The Port's representative on the JPA Board, Stephen Cushman, announced that he has appointed Iris Strauss to replace George Palermo on the NEVP PAC.

Randy also reported that the on-site conservation assessment of the Horton Fountain will conclude today and the conservator will submit a conditions report and proposal for treatment.

Randy announced that three San Diego artworks, in the Civic Art Collection, are featured in the April issue of *Pacific Magazine*.

He also said that Tina Yapelli, a member of City's Public Art Committee, will sit on the selection panel for the Port's 2009 Urban Trees exhibition.

Courtney Ann Coyle announced that Iris Strauss and Lynda Forsha have been appointed by the Port's Chairman Stephen Cushman to serve on the Port's Public Art Committee as a members-at-large. Jess Van Deventer is a current member-at-large. Courtney reported that the Port's Public Art Committee will hold its first meeting of the year in April 2009 and the first action for the committee will be to jury the *Urban Trees* exhibit. She also reported that \$150,000 that was being considered by the Port to be moved from the Public Art Committee to the Marketing Department has been taken off the docket for consideration at this time.

VII. ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Gleason reported that the Advocacy Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, April 20, 2009, 12:00 p.m., at the Commission office, large conference room.

Robert announced that Mayor Sanders released his budget this week which recommended level funding for the Commission's allocations program (OSP and CCSD) and included a cut of one staff position. Additional administrative cuts will be determined city-wide and still to be finalized. Robert said that the budget will not be final until it is approved by the City Council. He also said that community budget meetings are being held and that Commissioners are scheduling visits with each Council District office to discuss how the arts impact the community.

VIII. STRATEGIC OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Visibility Update – Claire Anderson

1. Commission meeting schedule - Claire Anderson announced that the May Commission meeting will be held in District 8, location yet to be determined. She said that Councilmember Hueso will be in attendance.

2. Goodwill visits - No reports at this time.

IX. CULTURAL TOURISM REPORT

Lorin Stewart gave a brief overview of the March 4, 2009 cultural tourism event, *Authentic San Diego: The Experience – Selling the City Without “Selling Out”*, and the March 20, 2009 debriefing meeting with the Cultural Tourism Brainstorming group and facilitators from the event to work on the next steps.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comment was made.

At this time Chair Colette Carson Royston introduced Councilmember Carl DeMaio, from Council District 5. Councilmember DeMaio gave a brief update on his vision for his district and the future for the City.

XI. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Colette Carson Royston adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

GUESTS:

Karen Coutts
Rebecca Rader

Stephanie Krieger
Rachel Teagle