



MINUTES
Regular Commission Meeting
San Diego History Center
1649 El Prado, Suite 3, San Diego, CA 92101
Friday, June 20, 2014

Commissioners Present

Robert H. Gleason, Chair	Janet Poutré
Larry Baza	Sharletta Richardson
Carlos Cristiani	Norma Rodriguez
Vernon Franck	Doreen Schonbrun
Joanne Hayakawa	Rebecca Smith
Dea Hurston	John Venekamp

Commissioners Absent

Macedonio Arteaga, Jr.
Laurie Mitchell
Sheryl White

Chair Robert H. Gleason 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

Gleason welcomed Commission members, staff and guests. Gleason introduced Charlotte Cagan, Executive Director of the San Diego History Center. Cagan introduced Thompson Fetter, Board President, who welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the San Diego History Center. Cagan gave an overview of the museum and their current exhibit and plans for the 2015 Balboa Centennial Celebration. Gleason asked Sharletta Richardson to read aloud the Commission's statement of purpose.

II. WELCOME NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER DAVID GRAHAM AND NEW COMMISSIONER JANET POUTRE

Gleason introduced new Commissioner Janet Poutré, who gave a brief overview of her background. Gleason then introduced Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Neighborhood Services David Graham, who gave a brief overview of his background and vision for arts and culture in San Diego.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Action Item: May 16, 2014 Minutes

Carlos Cristiani **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2014 regular Commission meeting. Rebecca Smith seconded the motion. Larry Baza abstained from the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Executive Director Search

Gleason reported that the City's Human Resources Department completed the first phase (phone interviews) of the application process and the second round of interviews (personal interviews) will be held in the next couple weeks and then the finalists will be interviewed by Mayor Faulconer and/or the Mayor's staff.

C. Report on Bi-national Culture Survey

Gleason asked Baza to report on a bi-national culture survey. Baza reported that he attended a meeting/interview by Ms. E. Chaney the Civic Engagement Strategist for the Bi-national Citizenship Culture Survey sponsored by the Ford Foundation. The survey is coordinated by the Center on Global Justice at UCSD in collaboration with the Cities of San Diego, Tijuana, and the Smart Border Coalition. The primarily Spanish language interview included a two-woman team from Corpovisionarios visiting San Diego and Tijuana for this project. Corpovisionarios is a leading social science think tank from Colombia founded by Antanas Mockus, two-time Mayor of Bogota. Baza said he shared the history of cross border projects and intercultural relations between San Diego's arts/cultural institutions with those of Tijuana, including artist driven projects, a commitment to the development of an artistically and culturally collaborative bi-national region that the Commission has fostered since its establishment 25 years ago.

Baza also reported that he attended the May press conference to roll out the 2013 Community and Economic Impact Report on Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations in San Diego, produced by the Commission and the Regional Arts and Culture Coalition. He said the conference featured Mayor Faulconer in his first public appearance on behalf of the Commission. Baza was asked to accommodate a Spanish language media, Unision/Telemundo KBNT TV, interview request which took place on site following the press conference at the Media Arts Center in North Park. Additionally, Baza was interviewed by Bilingual Journalist, Pablo Sainz, regarding the impact of the arts from and for the Latino community. The interview was reported in the Spanish language magazine of the Union Tribune Newspaper "Enlace." Baza said he focused upon the important arts experiences and impact on Latino school children provided by San Diego's arts and cultural organizations through arts education efforts supported by the Commission. Gleason asked Linda Sokol to distribute the Enlace article to Commissioners.

IV. FUNDING COMMITTEE REPORT

A. FY15 Budget Allocations

Baza reported that eight of nine City Council members advocated for an increase of \$252,000 to the Commission's total budget during the FY15 "May Revise." Baza said that Council President Gloria and Councilmember Zapf explicitly advocated for the Commission to reconsider its position on the FY15 disbursement to San Diego Opera.

Public comment on this agenda item was given by Frances Marshall, Secretary/Parliamentarian, and Michael Lowry, Chief Financial Officer, from San Diego Opera.

Baza **made a motion** that the Commission approve the Funding Committee's recommendation to award San Diego Opera approximately \$100,000 (to bring the total FY15 award for San Diego Opera to approximately \$260,000), to restrict the City's FY15 award to San Diego Opera for uses related only to education/outreach and payments to local artists and to disburse the approximate remainder of \$152,000 to all the other applicants (with ranks of 3- or better) in the FY15 Organizational Support Program (OSP) funding pool. Doreen Schonbrun seconded the motion. Discussion followed. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. **COMMITTEE AND CHAMPION REPORTS**

- A. **Policy Committee:** Hurston reported that the committee will meet within the next several months to develop goodwill visit procedures.
- B. **Funding Committee:** No additional report was made.
- C. **Public Art Committee:** No report was made.
- D. **Advocacy Advisory Committee:** John Venekamp reported that the Advocacy Advisory Committee will be developing a yearly calendar for meeting with Councilmembers to keep ongoing communication with each Council office and keep them informed on the Commission's work, along with educating the Council and arts community on the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and its intended use within the city.
- E. **Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee/Meeting Locations Champion:** Smith reported that the Commission has been working with the San Diego Tourism Authority to produce nine videos about arts and culture in neighborhoods which will be released at the end of September 2014.
- F. **Arts Education Advisory Committee:** Richardson reported on the Arts Education Advisory Committee meeting held on June 5, 2014. She said they reviewed historic arts education documents and discussed interviews held with local arts education experts in order to formulate the planning work of the committee which included advocating for school support, collaborating with arts organizations and school administrators and supporting the Mayor's after-school enrichment program.
- G. **Goodwill Visits Champion:** On hold pending Policy Committee's review of goodwill visit procedures.
- H. **Other Member Reports:** Cristiani reported that he attended the City's Environmental Services Department's "Dare to Reuse" Upcycling Art Exhibition Opening Reception on June 14, 2014. Cristiani said that the art contest involved students, from schools all over San Diego, that entered pieces of art work (drawing, painting, sculpture) from found objects and that the top twelve pieces will be featured in a calendar.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Interim Executive Director - Springs had no additional information to report.

B. Funding Program Manager – Margolis had no additional information to report.

VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Molly Clark and Carolena Deustch-Garcia, ArtPower! at UC San Diego
2. Carol Manifold, Choral Consortium of San Diego
3. John Highkin, Young Audiences of San Diego and Fern Street Circus
4. Caren Dufour, PGK Dance Project

VIII. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Gleason adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

GUESTS:

David Graham

Sharon Lee Master

John Highkin

Carol Manifold

Patric Stillman

Carlos Cota

Thompson Fetter

Frances Marshall

Molly Clark

Caren Dufour

Michelle Tillman

Charlotte Cagan

Michael Lowry

Carolena Deustch-Garcia

Juliana Morse

Lisa Kalal