



MINUTES
Regular Commission Meeting
The New Children's Museum, Greenhall Room
200 West Island Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101
Friday, February 14, 2014

Commissioners Present

Robert H. Gleason, Chair
Macedonio Arteaga Jr.
Larry Baza
Carlos Cristiani
Vernon Franck

Dea Hurston
Sharletta Richardson
Doreen Schonbrun
Rebecca Smith

Commissioners Absent

Joanne Hayakawa
Laurie Mitchell
Norma Rodriguez
John Venekamp
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 Julianne Markow, Executive Director of The New Children's Museum. Markow gave a brief overview of the museum's programming and upcoming events.

II. DANCE PRESENTATION: SAN DIEGO DANCE THEATER

Gleason introduced Matt Carney, Operations Manager for the San Diego Dance Theatre. Carney gave a brief introduction of the dance presentation, then the performance piece was presented.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Action Item: January 17, 2014 Minutes

Larry Baza **made a motion** to approve the minutes of January 17, 2014 regular Commission meeting. Dea Hurston seconded the motion. Carlos Cristiani abstained from the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Presentation: National Endowment for the Arts Funding Opportunities, by Sarah Czarnecki, Field Representative, Office of Congressman Scott Peters

Gleason introduced Sarah Czarnecki who then gave an update on grant availability for arts and culture organizations and the assistance that is available through the office of Congressman Scott Peters.

C. Commissioner Appointment Updates

Gleason announced that Commissioner Lynelle Lynch has resigned from the Commission. Gleason said that the new mayor, once in office, will nominate a new Commissioner.

D. Mayoral Election Results

Gleason reported that the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition hosted a forum for each of the candidates, David Alvarez and Kevin Faulconer. He gave a brief outline of their visions for arts and culture in San Diego. Gleason announced that Mayor-elect Kevin Faulconer will be sworn in on Monday, March 3, 2014.

E. Executive Director Search

Gleason reported that on January 31, 2014 the City's Human Resources Department closed the posting for the Executive Director position. Gleason said that he continues to communicate with the Human Resources Department regarding the job search process and will keep the Commissioners informed on the progress.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Funding Program Manager – Gary Margolis reported that the application deadline was January 31, 2014. He said that the reactions to the new on-line system from the organizations have all been positive. Margolis said he will continue to collect information/comments on the new system from applicants and application review panelists in order to review and analyze the process to see if any improvements or changes should be incorporated into next year's process. Margolis reported that the following number of applications were received:

- 1) Organizational Support Program (OSP): 34 Levels I&II, 31 Level III and 24 short-form applications were received.
- 2) Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD): 38 long-form and 11 short-form applications were received.

Margolis also reported that the following panel review dates have been set:

February 26-27, 2014: Organizational Support Program Levels I & II

March 3-4, 2014: Organizational Support Program Level III

March 5-6, 2014: Creative Communities San Diego

B. Interim Executive Director - Springs announced that the Deputy Chief Operating Officer Ron Villa will be making a presentation on employee successes to the City Council's Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee on February 26, 2014. Villa will recognize Commission staff members Nigel Brookes for his public art project management related to the City Heights Square Mini Park and Margolis for his work on developing the on-line application process.

Springs reported on the upcoming FY15 budget process and accomplishments of the Commission for FY14 including, but not limited to: the distribution of money to non-profit arts organizations, development of an on-line application process, public art at the new central library, restoration of public art, grant proposals/projects, development of the new Arts Education Advisory Committee, working with the San Diego Tourism Authority, working with Balboa Park Centennial, Inc. and the Balboa Park centennial planning process.

V. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

A. **Action Item: Funding Committee Commissioner Nomination**

Funding Committee Chair Larry Baza forwarded his nomination of Macedonio Arteaga to Gleason for consideration as a Funding Committee member. Gleason **made a motion** to approve the appointment of Arteaga. Hurston seconded the motion. Macedonio Arteaga recused himself from the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. **Action Item: Appointment of 2014 Commission Committee Community Members**

Hurston **made a motion** to approve the 2014 Commission Committee community member appointments that were presented for the Public Art Committee – Cris Scorz and Clifton Williams; Advocacy Advisory Committee – Peter Comiskey, Todd Schultz, Alan Ziter and Cristie Thoene; and for the Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee – Alex Goodman, Chanelle Hawken, Ed Hidalgo and Erin Chambers-Smith. Rebecca Smith seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VI. **COMMITTEE AND CHAMPION REPORTS**

A. **Policy Committee:** Hurston reported that the committee is developing a workplan for the upcoming year.

B. **Funding Committee:** Baza reported that the committee is at full capacity with the appointment of Macedonio Arteaga. He said that the committee will tentatively plan to meet after the panel reviews are complete in the case of application referrals to the Funding Committee.

C. **Public Art Committee:** Baza reported, on behalf of Laurie Mitchell, that the grand opening for a new mini park in City Heights was held on February 3, 2014 and included a public art component by artist Wendell Kling. He also reported that the Public Art Committee will be working on the management of the City's art collection and the percent for art program.

D. **Advocacy Advisory Committee:** Vernon Franck reported, on behalf of John Venekamp, that the Advocacy Advisory Committee met on February 10, 2014, to discuss the upcoming budget cycle and advocacy efforts/involvement of the arts community and San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition.

E. **Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee/Meeting Locations Champion:** Rebecca Smith announced that the March 21, 2014 Commission meeting will be held at the Qualcomm Thinkabit Lab. She said that security clearance will be required.

- F. Arts Education Advisory Committee:** Sharletta Richardson reported that she has sought the advice of individuals experienced with arts education to guide the Arts Education Advisory Committee. Doreen Schonbrun expressed a desire to reach out to local leaders to engage them into getting arts back into the schools.
- G. Goodwill Visits Champion:** Margolis reported, on behalf of Norma Rodriguez, that the list of goodwill visits has been finalized and the he will be sending out contact information to the Commissioners for the visits they have signed up to complete.
- H. Other Member Reports:** Robert Gleason reported that Doreen and Dr. Myron Schonbrun will be honored by the San Diego Center for Children at its 127th Anniversary Celebration on April 8, 2014 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront.

Gleason also reported that the San Diego International Airport Art Program will host an *Aesthetics & Authenticity* symposium on March 8 & 9, 2014 at the new Central Library.

Hurston reported that the Craig Noel Awards were held on February 10, 2014, honoring the following arts organizations: Moxie Theatre, Mo'olelo Performing Arts, San Diego Repertory Theatre, Ion Theatre, Cygnet Theatre, The Old Globe and the La Jolla Playhouse.

VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Michelle Tillman, UCSD
2. Alison Whitelaw, Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company
3. Madeline Stewart, Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra
4. Carin Scheinin – San Diego Women's Chorus
5. Mark Miner, San Diego Classical Poetry
6. Caren Dufour, The PGK Dance Project
7. Ferdinand Gasang, La Jolla Music Society
8. Whitney Roux, NTC Foundation/Rising Arts Leaders of San Diego
9. Kathryn Kanjo, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego

VIII. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Gleason adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

GUESTS:

Julianne Markow	Michelle Tillman	Madeline Stewart
Alison Whitelaw	Mark Miner	Ferdinand Gasang
Carin Scheinin	Caren Dufour	Kathryn Kanjo
Whitney Roux	Jean Isaac	Matt Carney
Alisunn Curtin	Toni Robin	Peter Kalivas
Brittany Fasano	Lynn Basquez	Mara Stringfield
Susan Laslavic	Cris Scorza	Juliana Morse