



MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Executive Committee Commission for Arts and Culture

1200 Third Avenue, Suite 924, San Diego CA 92101
Wednesday, April 30, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present

Robert H. Gleason
John Venekamp
Larry Baza
Dea Hurston
Laurie Mitchell
Sharletta Richardson

City Staff Present

Ronald H. Villa
Dana Springs
Gary Margolis
Linda Sokol
Bret Bartolotta
Raul Gudino

Committee Members Absent

Rebecca Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert H. Gleason called the special meeting of the Executive Committee of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. SAN DIEGO OPERA FY15 ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FUNDING

Gleason explained that the purpose of the Special Executive Committee meeting is to receive a presentation from representatives of San Diego Opera regarding any organizational and operational restructuring that should be considered in the Commission's FY15 funding recommendation for San Diego Opera. Gleason explained further that the Executive Committee was authorized by a vote of the full Commission on April 25, 2014 to make a FY15 funding recommendation for San Diego Opera in the Organizational Support Program (OSP) funding category.

Gleason invited staff and board members of San Diego Opera to present information about the organization's plans for implementing its FY15 season. Keith A. Fisher, San Diego Opera's Chief Operating Officer, made the presentation and concluded with a request that the Commission award the highest possible amount of funds for which San Diego Opera is eligible in FY15. Fisher's presentation was augmented by commentary from Carol Lazier, Courtney Ann Coyle and Michael Lowry. The Executive Committee's discussion included whether to fund San Diego Opera at all in FY15, how to calculate an award – either with some variation of a formula or not - and how much to award. John Venekamp **made a motion** to recommend to the Mayor and City Council that San Diego Opera be awarded OSP funds in the amount of \$160,000 in FY15 and that San Diego Opera return to the Commission with a proposal, for the Commission's Funding Committee to review and the Commission to approve prior to the City's issuance of San Diego Opera's FY15 contract for services, for how to measurably apply the City's FY15 funding solely towards educational outreach, contracts with local artists/vendors and/or strategic planning. Larry Baza seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2 - 0.

Yea: Venekamp, Baza, Mitchell, Richardson (4)

Nay: Gleason, Hurston (2)

Abstentions: 0

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

V. ADJOURN

Gleason adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

GUESTS:

Keith Fisher
Michael Lowry

Carol Lazier
Angela Carone

Courtney Ann Coyle