



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

The general meeting of September 14, 2009 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present:           Beasley, Arlene "Phoebe"           Haagen, Betty  
                      Benitez, Tomas                       Karabian, Laurel  
                      Blanning, Ollie                       Lyte, Marjorie  
                      Brooks, Aurelia                       Reyes, Jesus  
                      Clausen-Odenthal, Alis           Ruano, Araceli  
                      Galperson, Judy                      Wyman, Rosalind

Absent:           Lesnik, Peter (excused)  
                      Warschaw, Hope (excused)  
                      Rosen, Ronald (excused)

Staff  
Present:           Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
                      Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
                      Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions  
                      Greg Esser, Director of Civic Art  
                      Ayanna Hudson, Director of Arts Education  
                      Roselyn Kawahira, Student Worker  
                      Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development

Also Present:    Jan Williamson, Executive Director, 18<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Complex

President Ruano called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Beasley, seconded by Commissioner Wyman, the excused absences for the meeting of September 14, 2009 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*On a motion by Commissioner Wyman, seconded by Commissioner Beasley, the minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2009 and the Special Meeting of June 28, 2009 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

Commissioner Blanning circulated copies of 38 thank you letters that have been received by the Board of Supervisors and the Arts Commission from FY2010-11 Organizational Grant Program award recipients.

Commissioner Blanning also circulated copies of 54 letters and emails sent to Supervisors from interns who participated in the 2009 Arts Internship program advocating for support of the internship program in the FY2009-10 budget.

President's Items

President Ruano welcomed and introduced new Commissioner Jesus A. Reyes representing the First District.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Beasley, seconded by Commissioner Haagen, and unanimously carried to approve the 2010 meeting schedule (see attached).*

#### Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker introduced Greg Esser, the new Director of Civic Art.

Ms. Zucker reported the County supplemental budget is scheduled for approval on September 22, 2009 and it is uncertain whether funding for the Arts Internship program for FY2009-10 will be restored.

#### American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant Program

Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development, reported on the NEA ARRA funds received in June 2009. The NEA Ad Hoc Committee met on June 29, 2009 to develop guidelines for the ARRA application, and a two day grant panel convened on September 9, 2009 and made funding recommendations.

Jan Williamson, Executive Director of 18<sup>th</sup> Street Arts Complex and an ARRA panel representative, spoke about the panel review process and noted it was difficult as there were many deserving applicants.

*Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Beasley, seconded by Commissioner Brooks, and unanimously approved to grant the ARRA award recommendations as presented (see attached).*

#### Approval of 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration Program

Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, gave an overview of the proposed roster for the 2009 Holiday Celebration Program. Due to budget cuts from the County general fund in FY2009-10, the show has been reduced from six to three hours, resulting in a reduction in the number of artist groups programmed from 45 to 22. The live show will be performed from 3-6pm on December 24, 2009 and KCET will air the performance during prime time from 7-10 p.m.

Mr. Davis distributed DVD copies of the one hour national show and showed a clip of the Palmdale High School Choral Union. The one hour national show will air on KCET on December 9, 2009 at 8 p.m. and will be available as a hard feed to PBS stations nationally.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Galperson, seconded by Commissioner Blanning, and unanimously carried, to approve the proposed 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration (attached), authorize the Executive Director to make changes as may be required by production considerations, and recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.*

#### Arts for All – 7<sup>th</sup> Year Review

Ayanna Hudson, Director of Arts Education, presented the *Arts for All 7<sup>th</sup> Year Review, Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education* (see attached) and highlighted key accomplishments. Thirty-eight school districts have adopted the initiative representing 510,073 students; more than half the student population in Los Angeles County not including LAUSD.

#### 2008-09 Professional Development Program Report

Emiko Ono, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the 2008-09 Professional Development Program final report (see attached) outlining technical assistance and leadership development opportunities for grantees.

Commissioner Items

None

Public Comment

None

*The Arts Commission meeting of September 14, 2009 was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Galperson, seconded by Commissioner Brooks, and unanimously approved.*