

Cultural Arts & Marketing Division – Cultural Funding Program  
**FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, July 8, 2009 5:30 – 7:30 PM  
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 2  
(One Frank Ogawa Plaza, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

1. **Call to Order/ Determination of Quorum**

A Meeting of the Funding Advisory Committee was held in City Hall, Hearing Room 2, located at One Frank Ogawa Plaza, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. The meeting convened at 5:40 p.m. A quorum was established. Jenny Louie Chaired the meeting.

**Present:** Jenny Louie, Khan Wong, Nives Wetzel de Cediél, Sherwood Chen. Lori Zook and Brian Vejby (Cultural Affairs Commission liaisons)  
**Absent:** Lynn Rogers, Shalonda Ingram (excused)  
**Staff:** Kathy Littles (Cultural Funding Coordinator) and Jason Jong (Cultural Funding Assistant Coordinator)

2. **Open Forum**

Denise Pate from Destiny Art Center expressed her support for the \$55,000 allocation from grant funds to support a full-time staff position in the Cultural Funding Program.

3. **Oral Reports from Chair and Staff**

Cultural Funding Coordinator Kathy Littles reported that panelists for Art in the Schools and Organization Project Support reconvened in June to allocate funds. This allocation normally takes place in March during the panel process; however, the Cultural Funding Program did not have a FY2009-2010 budget in place in March so the allocation discussion was postponed. The Cultural Funding Coordinator position has been restored to full-time after Council approved a \$55,000 reduction in grants and reallocated these funds to support the position. At the June 30, 2009 City Council meeting, several organizations spoke in support of the reallocation. The vote on Measure C will take place in July. The Measure, if approved by Oakland voters, will provide additional funding to the Oakland Zoo, the Oakland Museum of California, the Chabot Space and Science Center, cultural arts programs and festivals and the Oakland Convention and Visitor Bureau, by adding a three percent (3%) surcharge to the current eleven percent (11 %) Transient Occupancy Tax (hotel tax). Staff will mail a letter to applicants notifying them of their grant recommendation. Funding Advisory Committee Chair, Jenny Louie added that the staff and Council are to be commended for not cutting the arts grants; it is an especially admirable decision during these difficult economic times.

4. **Action Item** – Approval of January 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Khan Wong to accept the January 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, Nives Wetzel de Cediél seconded.

5. **Action Item** – Approval of April 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Khan Wong to accept the April 8, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, Nives Wetzel de Cediél seconded.

6. **Discussion and Action Item** – Mateen Kemet 2006-2007 Individual Artist Project Change of project request. Guest: Mateen Kemet

Mateen Kemet made a request to switch his 2006-2007 project *Fillmore Flower*, to support his Port of Oakland project *Oakland B Mine*. Mr. Kemet expressed that he has been unable to fulfill the grant due to a TV obligation. The Funding Advisory Committee declined Mr. Kemet's request citing that transferring funds from an approved grant project to an entirely different project is not consistent with Cultural Funding Program policies and procedures. To be in good standing with the Cultural Funding Program Mr. Kemet is to pay back the \$4999 grant, or keep the grant and remain in default. Wong made a motion to deny Mr. Kemet's request to change his 2006-07 grant project and extend the deadline. Wetzel de Cediell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Cultural Affairs Commission members Lori Zook and Brian Vejby are non-voting members of FAC.)

7. **Oral Report and Action Item** – Approval of FY2009-2010 Cultural Funding Program Grant Recommendations

Littles instructed the committee to review all grant recommendations in the agenda packet. Zook commented that the Individual Artist recommendations did not add up to the available funds. Staff acknowledged the error and subsequently concluded that there were enough funds to provide eight more grants artists in the Individual Artist grant category.

Wong made a motion to accept the FY2009-2010 Cultural Funding Program Grant Recommendations for Individual Artist Project, Art in the Schools, Organization Project Support and the second year of Organizational Assistance. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion and Action Item** – Nomination and vote on new FAC Member

There is a Funding Advisory Committee vacancy due to Denise Pate's resignation. Marc Vogl has expertise in funding and is currently the Program Officer for the Hewlett Foundation. Marc is an excellent fit for FAC, and Indra Mungal appears to be a better fit for the Cultural Affairs Commission. Louie added that Vogl has both a regional and national perspective. Wong added that Vogl has run a theater company and has excellent experience. Wetzel de Cediell made a motion to accept Marc Vogl's nomination to fill the vacant seat on the Funding Advisory Committee starting in October. Wong seconded the motion.

9. **Agenda Building** – Cultural Funding Program Retreat, 2010-2011 Applications, Symposium, Oakland Arts Day

Possible retreat dates, August 29 or 30, an email confirmation will follow. The California Cultural Data Project requirement needs to be added to the applications, staff suggested that this be a retreat topic. Zook and Louie suggested that fiscal sponsorship be added as a possible symposium topic that the CFP could organize and host. Oakland Arts Day is Friday, October 5, 2009; details to follow.

10. **Announcements** – Next FAC meeting – October 14, 2009

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.