

**Commissioners**

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**MINUTES**  
**COLTON HALL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**April 30, 2007 4:00 PM**  
**City Council Chamber**

**Present:** Commissioners Washburn, Schneider, Solitario, Welling, Theodore, Dias and Morris

**Staff:** Kim Bui-Burton, Doug Holtzman, Jim Conway, Chalet Catlin and Judy White

**Absent:** Commissioners Todd, Ansel, Reese. Stock and Buskirk

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Washburn called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**III. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS  
RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL**

The following organizations made presentations to the commission:

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
Young Arts Collective	Marcia Perry	\$ 3,000.00
	Meg Biddle & 1 student	
Festa Italia	Nancy Washburn	5,000.00
Monterey County Symphony Assoc.	Michelle M. Lange	10,000.00
Monterey Bay Symphony	Ron Weitzman	1,500.00
Cannery Row Foundation	Bettina Hotelling	1,500.00
Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra	Paul W. Baker	2,000.00
Monterey Opera Association	Ron Weitzman	1,500.00
Foundation of CSUMB	Dr. Amalia Mesa-Bains	10,000.00
Monterey Museum of	Robin Venuti	1,500.00
Dance Kids of Monterey County	Alan Richmond	10,000.00

Prior to making a decision, Kim explained requirements of the Brown Act, which governs the role of the commissioners at the public meeting and also conflict of interest requirements. She also informed the commission that they are able to recommend full funding or partial funding to a few or all of the organizations.

Eligibility includes 1) a one-time cultural arts project, such as mural or public art project 2) a cultural arts event in the community, such as a performing art; and 3) event(s) within city of Monterey.

If the funds are not used at this time, they will not remain allocated in the General Fund beyond this FY.

Criteria includes 1) presentation to the commission, 2) will benefit citizens of Monterey, 3) will not duplicate like events (e.g. First Night), 4) project/event has high artistic content and 5) the organization must provide a clear breakdown of how the funds will be used.

The following organizations were excluded based on the above criteria:

Our World-Peace Park  
Festa Italia  
Monterey Opera Association  
Cannery Row Foundation  
Monterey County Symphony Association  
Foundation of California State University Monterey Bay

After discussion by commissioners of cultural arts grant applications and presentations (Commissioner Schneider left the room when discussing Monterey County Symphony Assoc.) the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dias moved that the following 2007 Cultural Arts grants be recommended to the City Council for approval:

Monterey Bay Symphony	\$ 1,500.00 (fully funded)
Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra	\$ 2,000.00 (fully funded)
Monterey Museum of Art	\$ 1,500.00 (fully funded)
Youth Arts Collective	\$ 2,500.00 (\$3,000 requested)
Dance Kids of Monterey County	\$ 2,500.00 *(\$10,000 requested) *funds to be used for scholarships

Commissioner Solitario seconded. All ayes motion passed.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Kim mentioned that staffing shortages will be affecting the Museum – the 20-hour per week Office Assistant II position will soon be vacant and a part-time Museum Attendant will be off on leave time for a month. She also noted that Colton Hall open hours might be temporarily reduced; it will still be open every day but may close earlier on some days.

Kim suggested changing the date for the Commission retreat (due to staffing shortages and the many activities scheduled for May) to Saturday, June 16. Commissioners were asked to email Chalet with their availability for this date change.

#### **V. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A.** Chair Washburn adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM

**B.** Next Meeting: May 29, 2007, 4:00 PM City Council Chambers

Minutes by Judy White