



Chicano Latino Affairs Council
Arts & Cultural Legacy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2010

Board Members: Mario Vargas, Antonio Lizano, Edgardo Rodriguez, Alma Garay-Lehn

Staff: Hector Garcia

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Summary/Motions Adopted	Follow-Up/Timeline	Person(s) Responsible
Review of Legacy Funds	<p>Discussion: Review of Legacy Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oscar and Rogelio were asked to present a plan and give testimony, with idea that money would come directly to CLAC - Legislature decided to approve funding through the Minnesota Humanities Center so that the MHC would cooperate with other organizations - Rogelio's plan for MHC collaboration could not be found - Committee created to deal with Legacy funds - Edgardo ran into Hector's notes from November 2009 ED report to Board - "Agreement reached with Humanities Center in regards to CLAC's ability to decide independently on the nature of its portion of the cultural heritage funds and to connect arts and culture to CLAC's focus on economic development; thereby we are not able to gain access to the \$125,000 per year, for two years." - Until November of 2009, CLAC was still going after \$125,000 - For some reason, it came down to \$8,000, and at best \$30,000 for next year. Why should CLAC be spending all this effort? Is it really going to compensate CLAC or just making additional work. ER <p>Develop new plan that asks for funds upfront.</p>		
Billing MHC	<p>Discussion: Payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CLAC was trying to figure out how to bill MHC 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CLAC put on track to be on a re-imbursement basis with MHC MV - Memorandum of Understanding → Contract 		
Two Programs	<p>Discussion: Funding suppose to lead to creation of two projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absent narratives MHC said they'd control 100% of this program. \$50,000 - Community program You can decide what to do with Community Program, you can manage it, but you cannot take the money. You can submit expense reports, though. 		
Small amount of fund	<p>Discussion: Can claim total \$50,000 because we have other things to do. Claiming less due to small staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edgardo: if that's the situation, then we're not interested. ER - Makes sense to MHC to do it this way because there's no way CLAC would exhaust the \$50,000, and in turn MHC would keep the surplus MV - Fee-for-service contract prevented CLAC for really using that money for its own purposes. Only being reimbursed for staff time MV - Nowhere in the contract does it say we will bill them for outreach activities, legislative work, or educational work that we do that's not tied to the contract. MV 		
Stanley's Presentation to Board	<p>Discussion: Board Meeting 2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whatever is done needs to fulfill both parties' missions, needs to be win-win. - CLAC made it clear that it is under constraints and doesn't have time for other projects. - If support isn't gained, unable to do as much outreach as possible if done through MHC. - Proposal presented for how to spend money over next two years, but it got turned down because it would make all the money come under CLAC control ER 		
Other Councils	<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other councils not really participating much in this program 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They already had standing partnerships with MHC - Council directors mentioned same objection, wanting to get the money upfront after presenting a plan - \$10,000 already spent HG (barely covers expenses) ER & AG - Not taking into account TPT project. Focus on staff and Board effort - Even if they were the fiscal agent, they're still not giving the liberty of gaining total control. They will retain control of the money, but it doesn't mean they can control every penny that comes to the Council 		
From Their Side	<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MHC under heavy fire initially. - Big suspicion from Legislature that the money would be used recklessly, possibly finding its way back to funding budget cuts - They have to go and testify many times how they were planning on managing their program 		
At the Legislature	<p>Go to the Legislature and find out all the “nitty-gritty” of the funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ED has been to those funds meetings - Legislature keeps questioning if it's a worthwhile investment - Maybe CLAC should along with other Council and say that going through MHC doesn't work, and suggest money go straight to CLAC in the future ER 		
Minnesota Historical Society	Discussion: MHS Work		
New Leadership at MHC	<p>Discussion: Interim Director Matt Brandt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt Brandt may take Stanley's place (one of two candidates) - Viewing documentary would help respond to one of the objects in our statute - Biggest concern is whether or not to continue working towards this during this year - Second year of budget cuts, CLAC can't afford to do things that don't mutually benefit CLAC ER 		
New Plan	Need to develop a new plan, based on aspects of old plan, and ask for the money		

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	<p>upfront.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would love to work with MHC, but unfortunately due to circumstances this is not possible. Not mutually beneficial. Could be working for a number of non-profits ER & MV - Legislature concerned that the money would be used to make up the deficit in the organization - They need to be aware that CLAC is willing to go to the Legislative committee in charge of these funds if MHC is not willing to help MV 		
Action Plan	<p>Modification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If they were to agree to changes, action plan needs to be modified - Statute that says putting energy into promoting accomplishments of Latinos, needs to become an activity - We don't have resources to do everything, so we have to pick and choose what we want to spend our time on. 		
Cost of Documentary	<p>Discussion: Community's biggest obstacle is lack of credibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hector: "Here we're getting something that would've cost hundreds of thousands of dollar to produce, the documentary that we have produced, if we had been just a regular organization that went to TPT and said 'Produce this for us' not for MHC and CLAC cooperative, as part of the community programming, but just as a client saying 'Please produce this,' it would have cost us hundreds of thousands of dollar to produce that. That was given to us for slightly over \$30,000 from the funding." - Edgardo: "You could get it for \$30,000 directly" <p>Discussion: Why would they give it to us at \$30,000 only with MHC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because it was a cooperative, TPT agreed to do it at \$30,000. - MHC possibly has a relationship with TPT 		
Next Steps	<p>Discussion: What needs to be the next steps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mario (to Edgardo): "So you are recommending that we get out of this contract and make a proposal, and have the Board approve the ED to re-draft a new action plan and new draft contract that reflects what we want in terms of ~inaudible~" MV - Edgardo: "If it makes sense that we can still do the mission that the Board 		

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	wants to do and additionally benefit from that potential additional \$30,000 the way that it is arranged right now, I would stay you stay with that contract and start collecting under that contract until you can renegotiate a new one. But if the answer is that no, you know, to be able to fulfill that contract we have to sacrifice what we are, what the Board thinks is our priority, well then I would say yes, the latter is what you do. You say no, let's renegotiate completely from zero because we really can't afford it." ER		
Proposed Staffing	Oscar submitted his letter of resignation With new proposed plan, if it fits charter, will have a balanced budget. Heritage and Otto Bremer would be considered outside potential. It would be considered additional money that would need to approve separately.		
Redraft of Contract	End current contract and redraft new contract. How long will it take to draft a new action plan? 3 months? 4 months? MV		
Draft Proposal	Draft proposal as to how to go forward Edgardo: "The proposal would be around the lines of a significant amount of money to us upfront to execute a plan that we present to them and all they need to do is ask us to report against that plan, how we execute it, like every other organization does." Mario: "Basically our report is going to be 'this is what we did, we are owed \$6200, and basically, we are working to renegotiate the contract'. For 2011, we're working to renegotiate the contract. MV And what we're looking for, and we should let them know what we're looking for, in terms of a new contract, a new action plan, and a lump sum." Edgardo: "That deals a significant participation on the program. Otherwise, we may consider just not participating, and even making it an issue out of the fact that maybe that money needs to come directly to us."		
Councils	African American Council: "Absent Narrative does nothing for us" ER - Edgardo notes that the African American Council already has programs that do what the Absent Narrative does. So they wouldn't want to spend a		

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	<p>single penny on Absent Narratives</p> <p>All Councils wanted the money directly</p>		
TPT	<p>TPT Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matt Brandt helped with preventing TPT from making the documentary strictly about the arts - 		
Conclusion	<p>Mario: “So that’s what we’re going to recommend. I’m going to type up minutes right away so that you have them. And then we should probably create some PowerPoint presentation sheets to add to the, but before I do that, I just want to send them to you guys so that I can get input. And I’m going to take one of these recorders so that I can use them for my minutes.” MV</p>		