

**The City of Greenbelt
Arts Advisory Board**

Minutes of the Board's meeting on 4/7/09

Board Members Present:

Tatiana Ausema, Angella Foster, Barbara Dobyngs, Tiahna Nugent, Anna Socrates, Ginny Zanner

Other attendees: Nicole DeWald, staff liaison

Excused absences: Darcy Howe, Adrienne White

Unexcused Absences: Andria Jones, James Wilson

Proceedings:

The meeting was called to order at 7:24pm. The Board met with representatives of three community arts organizations seeking to renew their **Contribution Group** status for the City's fiscal year 2010.

Tom Cherrix, Conductor, and David Clark, Manager represented the **Greenbelt Concert Band**. The Board listened to sample recordings. Discussion touched on: the past year's performances, the challenges of recruiting younger members, the possibility of the Band working with Circus Camp, and issues with fundraising.

Barbara Simon, President, Ray Stevens, Vice-President and Chris Logan, Treasurer, were present on behalf of **Friends of New Deal Café Arts**. The Board watched Greenbelt in Focus clips highlighting FONDCA activities. Discussion touched on: the group's sponsored outdoor concert series and New Year's Eve concert; increased focus on serving the Roosevelt Center as a whole (versus the Café more narrowly) through outdoor concerts and Artwalks; and changes in the budget over the span reflected in the group's application.

The **Greenbelt Arts Center** was represented by Sandy Irving, Treasurer. The Board discussed GAC's current season and issues with cost-cutting. Other topics included the pending status of GAC's sublease, the need/possibility of expanded shop space, the proposed pay increase for the facility manager, and the chronic problem of annual operating deficits.

Board members discussed applications from the **Greenbelt Photo Club, Greenbelt Writers Group, and Greenbelt Pottery, Inc.** for renewal of their **Recognition Group** status for the City's fiscal year 2010. The Board's recommendations regarding all Contribution and Recognition Group applications are reflected in their **report 09-001**.

Board members agreed to **approve minutes by email** for all future meetings (unless there are issues raised by absent board members)

At Tatiana's request, Nicole prepared and distributed the document "Member Opportunities" (appended) and discussed ways for the AAB to be more active and effective moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.