

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 14, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice Chair Klein called meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Vice Chair Regina Klein
Commissioner Thomas Small
Commissioner John B. Williams

Absent: Commissioner Len Dickter

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rich Cherry.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Vice Chair Klein invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Natasia Gascon provided background on herself; expressed concern with the location and status of one of the zoetropes in downtown; and requested that the Commission consider moving it to a better location in the City.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, thanked Ms. Gascon for her concern and willingness to take time to address the Commission; noted that the circumstances around the location of the artwork had changed since its initial installation; and she reported that staff would be addressing the relocation in the fall.

Commissioner Small thanked Ms. Gascon for her report and encouraged everyone to alert staff and the Commission if they observe any issues with public art in the City.

Georges Chamchoum, Asian World Film Festival, announced that the festival would be held from October 26 - November 2 at the ArcLight in Culver City and the iPic Theatre in Westwood; he provided details about the festival; and reported working to build partnerships in the City.

Discussion ensued between the speaker, staff and Commissioners regarding encouragement to the speaker to work with staff and Commissioners; the choice of venue; goals of the festival; confirmation of the dates; availability of information; the festival website; pricing; promotion; coordination with the Culver City Unified School District; clarification regarding subtitles; and appreciation to the speaker for his vision.

Dr. Janet Hoult expressed support for the proposed Asian World Film Festival; discussed the importance of multi-culturalism; the poetry workshop she is teaching at the Senior Center; the upcoming centennial; and she expressed appreciation to staff and the Commission for their work.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMALL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2015. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: KLEIN, SMALL, WILLIAMS

NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DICKTER

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Action Items

Item A-1

Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed/Reappointed Commission Members

Vice Chair Klein invited public comment.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, read a written comment from Marla Koosed expressing regret at not being able to attend the meeting and congratulating newly appointed Commissioner Rich Cherry.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Rich Cherry.

Vice Chair Klein congratulated Commissioner Cherry on his appointment.

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Item A-2

Discussion Regarding the Use of the Mike Balkman Council Chambers by the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education

Vice Chair Klein invited public comment.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, introduced the item and read a written comment from Marla Koosed.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding previous issues with scheduling; input from Commissioner Dickter; notice provided to the Superintendent's Office; the importance of keeping the Cultural Affairs Commission meetings in the Council Chambers; cooperation and collaboration with the CCUSD; options available to the Commission; the time frame for implementation; a suggestion

to keep the day of the week consistent; and support for meeting on the third Tuesday of each month.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMALL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION TO THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH PROVIDED THAT COMMISSIONER DICKTER CAN MAKE THAT CHANGE IN SCHEDULE, AND IF NOT THE ITEM WILL RETURN TO THE COMMISSION FOR DISCUSSION IN AUGUST. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, KLEIN, SMALL, WILLIAMS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DICKTER

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Vice Chair Klein invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items From Commissioners and Staff

Commissioner Small reported on progress of the subcommittee for the creation of a position of Honorary City Poet Laureate noting that they expected to have a recommendation at the September meeting.

Commissioner Williams reported that he provided the Welcoming Remarks for the Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Arts Summit which occurred in Downtown Culver City on July 1 and benefited over 130 summer interns.

Vice Chair Klein reported attending a performance by a Performing Arts Grants Program recipient, Culver City Chamber Orchestra, of *Peter and the Wolf* at the Kirk Douglas Theatre; she discussed other grant funded performances in the City this summer; announced the Culver City Historical Society's General Meeting on July 15; discussed a TED talk on local

issues; and she announced Culver City Public Theatre performances on July 18-19 in Carlson Park.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, noted that the Commission would be selecting a new Chair and Vice Chair and making subcommittee appointments at the August Commission meeting; announced the Culver City Historical Society General Meeting at Veterans Memorial Building on July 15; and she asked Commissioners to review contact details as included on the confidential roster recently provided by staff.

Vice Chair Klein invited everyone to attend the 2015 Boulevard Music Summer Festival on Thursday nights in the City Hall Courtyard; the Downtown Business Association 3rd Wednesday event on July 15; and she asked about changes to the subcommittees.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding meeting with Commissioner Cherry to discuss the level of commitment required by each subcommittee; updated versions of the staff reports; current ad hoc and standing subcommittees; and additional information available.

Commissioner Small discussed dee-Lightful Productions producing musical theatre for children in the City and reported attending a benefit concert by Jacaranda Music.

Commissioner Cherry reported visiting the Wende Museum.

Vice Chair Klein announced *Girlfriends* at the Kirk Douglas Theatre opening on July 24.

Commissioner Williams invited everyone to participate in National Night Out on August 4 at Lindberg Park; he announced CicLAvia on August 9; and he discussed the recent fundraiser by Culver City's Vox Femina Los Angeles.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:50 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on August 11, 2015 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

REGINA KLEIN
VICE CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date