

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 19, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Dickter called the regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chair Len Dickter
Vice Chair Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin
Commissioner Tania Fleischer
Commissioner Zoltan Pali
Commissioner Brenda Williams

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jim Clarke.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Dickter invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Dr. Janet Hoult discussed the Centennial Poetry Contest; the Centennial Poetry Contest collection book with poems about Culver City; the Artist Laureate Program; and she noted the importance of recognizing creativity in Culver City.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CAC – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2017

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2017.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DICKTER, FLEISCHER, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: PALI

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC - (1) Presentation of Updated City Council Policy Regarding Commissions, Boards and Committees; and (2) Comments to the City Council Subcommittee and Staff as Deemed Appropriate

Council Member Jim Clarke discussed the composition of the City Council subcommittee and provided a summary of the material of record.

Heather Baker, Assistant City Attorney, discussed the consolidation of policies for Commissions, Boards and Committees.

Chair Dickter invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between Council Member Clarke, staff and Commissioners regarding meaningful changes to the policy; the process for bringing items forward to the City Council; clarifying the process for adding an item to an agenda; the need for City Council approval for items requiring significant staff time and resources; day-to-day operations of Commissions; things that apply to Commissions that do not apply to Committees and Boards; compensation; absences from meetings and grounds for removal; frequency of meetings; prolonged absences; City Council consideration of the policy; and appreciation to the City for the inclusivity of the Commissions.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Dickter invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items From Staff

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that Special Events Coordinator Susan Obrow was busy working on Centennial event activities but wanted the Commission to know that 20 Performing Arts Grant Program applications had been received.

Council Member Jim Clarke invited everyone to attend Incorporation Day events on September 20 including the signing ceremony with the newest Sister City, Capo d'Orlando.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for The Culver City Studios Comprehensive Plan Amendment No.7 would be released on September 22 and she discussed the involvement of Cultural Affairs staff in the process.

Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager, reported that the large Culver City seal outside the entrance to the Council Chambers had been cleaned just in time for Incorporation Day.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, discussed the last Heidi Duckler Dance performance for 1988; video documentation; and she suggested that Marla Koosed come to make a summary presentation at a later date.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Williams discussed Culver City galleries participating in the Getty supported Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA (Latin America/Los Angeles) project and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Vice Chair Wisnosky Stehlin reported attending the Party in the Park on Saturday; discussed theatre productions as part of the LA Stage Alliance; the Ovation Awards; and she reported that an article from *A Place for Mom* ranked Culver City as No. 4 on a list of places to retire to as it is a cultural paradise.

Commissioner Fleischer provided background on Malena Dobal Parra noting who she has appointed to serve on the Cultural Affairs Foundation Board. She also reported a Centennial celebration at the Frost Auditorium on September 20.

Chair Dickter reported watching the final 1988 performance via a remote livestream; noted that City Council consideration of the Centennial Garden agenda item had been postponed; commented that the Commission would be busier in the next few months; and he noted that the celebration event for the publication of the Creative Economy report would be on September 27.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:26 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on October 17, 2017 in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

LEN DICKTER
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.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date