

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

September 8, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Present: Chair Regina Klein
Vice Chair Len Dickter
Commissioner Cherry
Commissioner Thomas Small

Absent: Commissioner John B. Williams

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Janet Hoult.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Klein invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Gary Silbiger reported meeting with the City's Homelessness Committee; discussed the City's Boards and Commissions; the former annual Cultural Plan update meetings; opportunities for public input; he suggested reinstating the annual cultural affairs Town Hall meeting; discussed joint meetings with the City Council and Commissions; he suggested creating a film festival for the *Heart of Screenland*; and he wished the Commission luck with the work in the year ahead.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Silbiger for coming to speak; noted the timing of his visit; discussed reinstating things that

worked well in the past; cross-cultivation between the Commissions and the City Council; staff cuts to Cultural Affairs; creating a revitalized Community Cultural Plan; the City's Centennial; support from the community; a feeling that 2015-2016 would be a very active period for Cultural Affairs; community outreach; contributing to the creativity of Culver City; new programming; and inspiration.

Lloyd Clayton, Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum, discussed the collection and he invited everyone to visit the museum.

Commissioner Small indicated that they were eager to come visit, renew, and develop ties with the museum.

Gary Silbiger distributed fliers and announced that the Sister Cities Committee would be having an Oktoberfest on October 4 at the Culver Hotel.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR DICKTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2015. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, KLEIN, SMALL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WILLIAMS

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Action Items

Item A-1

Recommendation to the City Council to 1) Develop a Culver City Artist Laureate Program, and 2) Appoint Dr. Janet Hoult as Honorary Artist Laureate for a Two Year Term

Chair Klein invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Dr. Janet Hoult commented on the proposal put forth by the subcommittee; indicated that she would be honored to serve as the first Honorary Artist Laureate for Poetry; she discussed focusing on the role that poetry would play in the upcoming Centennial; creating procedures for the selection of future Artists Laureate in all categories; she indicated that she would provide updates; and she felt it would be helpful to have a liaison with the Commission.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, summarized the material of record and read comments submitted by:

Commissioner Williams
Marla Koosed

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding whether Dr. Hoult was intended to serve only in an advisory capacity or as the Honorary Artist Laureate or both; the term; requirements and needs during the Centennial; assistance from Dr. Hoult with creation of procedures and the process for selection of Artists Laureate in the future; creation of an Ad Hoc Artist Laureate subcommittee; the hands on, practical experience that Dr. Hoult has; Culver City as being at the forefront of such a program; other arts areas that could be selected; having a rotating program for different arts disciplines; working with other organizations in the City; length of term; stipend; allowing time to create a thorough process; working to have the program fully running by the Centennial; proportion of the stipend to the work done; other volunteers in the community without stipends; the Silicon Valley program; funding; appreciation to the

subcommittee for their work; a suggestion to present the item to the Cultural Affairs Foundation; and integrating the entities.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR DICKTER THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DEVELOP A CULVER CITY ARTIST LAUREATE PROGRAM. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, KLEIN, SMALL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WILLIAMS

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding information provided to the City Council, and using the term Honorary as the position has not been formally established.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMALL AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHERRY THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT DR. JANET HOULT AS HONORARY ARTIST LAUREATE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, KLEIN, SMALL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WILLIAMS

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Item A-2

Consideration of Scheduling a Workshop in October 2015 to Review Current Cultural Affairs Programs

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, summarized the material of record.

Chair Klein invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding scheduling; location; invitations to City Council Members; the opportunity to talk about programs in more detail; having an informal setting; availability of the meeting to the

public; minutes; the agenda; capacity of the meeting rooms; maximizing community input; conflicts with other meetings; outreach; meeting format; adding a performing arts component; opportunities and programming; subcommittee input; including Commissioner Williams in the scheduling process; agreement to meet on October 29 with October 27 as a backup date; meeting location; agenda items; setting priorities throughout the next fiscal year; establishing a calendar for the year; maximizing the meeting; having a workshop as an educational opportunity; and a suggestion that each subcommittee come prepared to put forward the timeline of what they are working on.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMALL AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR DICKTER THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION SCHEDULE A WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 29 AT 7:00 P.M. WITH AN ALTERNATE DATE OF OCTOBER 27 AT 7:00 P.M. IN A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED WITH THIS MEETING LIEU OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2015. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, KLEIN, SMALL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WILLIAMS

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Klein invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items From Staff

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, announced that the Culver City Historical Society Founder's Picnic would be on September 20, 2015 at Veterans Memorial Park, with more information available at culvercityhistoricalsociety.org.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Cherry reported that The Broad Museum would be opening on September 20 with weekday times available.

Vice Chair Dickter reported that the Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts would be attending the museum as part of their curriculum this year.

Chair Klein reported that the performances funded by the City's Performing Arts Grant Program were in progress; she thanked the theatre groups for keeping the public engaged; noted that Fiesta La Ballona and the Boulevard Music Summer Festival were well attended; she reported that the deadline for the 2016 Performing Arts Grant Program applications was September 16 with the review panel scheduled to meet in the middle of October; discussed the amount available for grants; the Sony contribution; programming during the winter months; she announced a SASSAS music performance at the Baldwin Hills Overlook on September 27; she reported spending time with the Chicago Cultural Affairs Commission and Cultural staff; and she reported interest in Culver City as a location for several national association conferences.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:24 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on October 29, 2015.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

REGINA KLEIN
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