

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

October 8, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Koosed called meeting of the Cultural Affairs
Commission to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Chair Marla Koosed
Vice Chair Regina Klein
Commissioner Susan Anderson
Commissioner Michelle Bernardin
Commissioner John B. Williams

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mim Shapiro.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Koosed invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2013

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERNARDIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda (continued)

Chair Koosed invited public input.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Warren Brand, Branded Arts, provided background on himself and he discussed combating graffiti vandalism with public art, including upcoming projects.

Discussion ensued between staff, Commissioners and the speaker regarding clarification that Mr. Brand had curated over 30 murals at former car dealership site at Washington/National; MOCA's *Art in the Streets* exhibition; outreach and education; encouragement to provide additional information via Mr. Brand's website on featured artists and their works; visual documentation; the CAC's Public Art subcommittee; collaboration; pooling resources; plans for a documentary; plans to work with schools; the goal of Mr. Brand to be an ambassador for non-profits, artists, galleries and communities; repurposed items; encouragement to have the artists work with students; the Kenny Scharf mural on the side of the Davis Brothers' Tire building; process and protocol; a suggestion to collaborate with the Culver City Arts District; the CAC annual Town Hall; CCUSD; a suggestion that Mr. Brand work with Arts for All; agreement from staff to work with Mr. Brand; the Culver City Chamber of Commerce; repurposed art at Culver City High School; and documentation of the demolition.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration and Discussion of Tentatively Scheduled Items for Cultural Affairs Commission Meetings in the Fourth Quarter of 2013 and the First Quarter of 2014

Chair Koosed expressed concern regarding the ability of the Commission to carry out its duties on behalf of the public; she expressed appreciation to Martin Cole for his efforts at increasing the effectiveness of staff; concern with decisions made without the Commission's input; CAC meeting location; the importance of including the Chair or Vice Chair in agenda-setting; she requested a monthly agenda meeting with the Chair, Vice Chair and staff; discussed effective use of time; the importance of teamwork and collective wisdom; the 2013-2014 Work Plan and budget; the ordinance; and laying out a six-month strategy for meetings.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the rationale for the timetable; involvement of the Chair and Vice Chair in setting future agendas; the importance of discussion and dialogue; staff remedies to the situation; feedback; prior practice; clarification that items proposed are tentative; subcommittee meetings; the four pillars of Cultural Affairs: The Community Cultural Plan, Historic Preservation, The Performing Arts Grants, and the Public Art Program; the need for a new process with the changes in resources; allowing for input into the City's budget by Commissions earlier in the process; information necessary to prioritize items; public art; the development process and the budget process as dictating the timeline;; efficiency; the Cultural Affairs Foundation; the partial shutdown of the Federal government; the Brown Act; the CAC Public Art subcommittee; understanding the expectations of Commissioners and staff; Commission contributions; support for a blueprint of items to be accomplished over the next year and a long-range plan; changes based on external factors; discretionary items and required items; ongoing communication with staff;

review of budget work plans; and the need for background information to allow for comparisons.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the staff report.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, discussed the Performing Arts Grants process.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, discussed upcoming public art agenda items; the annual Town Hall meeting; the genesis of this event; placing items in context; the development process; and the amount of work and preparation necessary for Town Hall meetings.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager, discussed the Cultural Plan and the importance of the Town Hall meeting; timing of the meeting; context; and the Ad-Hoc Community Cultural Plan Update subcommittee.

Additional discussion ensued between Commissioners and staff regarding the original choice of January for the Town Hall meeting; a suggestion to have the subcommittee meet to review the goals and process for the Town Hall meeting; the ten-year plan and the opportunity to look forward; suggestions from the last Town Hall meeting; continuing the process rather than starting over; the Art Fairs calendar; a suggestion that the Town Hall meeting be held in February; thinking beyond the second Tuesday of each month; having a Town Hall more than once per year; economic development; community input regarding programs; programming and the budget process; reviewing the Community Cultural Plan which has been updated every year; effects on the work programs; effectiveness of the process; the CAC Community Cultural Plan subcommittee; staff time; changes to the format of the Town Hall meeting as a result of current economic situation of the City; a suggestion to postpone the Town Hall meeting; a suggestion that the Ad Hoc Community Cultural Plan Update Subcommittee and staff work to make a statement to the community regarding the postponement; changing players in the art community; incorporating suggestions; involving the Foundation Board in the Town Hall meeting; increasing communication between the two bodies and holding a joint meeting; the value of examining the format; a suggestion to survey arts groups to see what they would like to see in a Town Hall meeting; a suggestion that the Subcommittee return in November with a

draft statement on how the Commission would like to move forward; clarification on the grant process; a suggestion to make an announcement regarding the Town Hall meeting at the November meeting when grant applicants would be present; and encouragement to everyone to attend Commission and/or subcommittee meetings.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BERNARDIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION DIRECT THE AD HOC 2014 CULTURAL PLAN UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE TO RETURN IN NOVEMBER WITH A DRAFT STATEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION FOR POTENTIAL ISSUANCE IN DECEMBER REGARDING THE TOWN HALL MEETING WITH THE TOWN HALL MEETING POSTPONED PENDING RECONSIDERATION OF THE FORMAT.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the value of Town Hall meetings and public input; the January agenda; and a joint meeting of the Commission and the Foundation.

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Items From Staff

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, announced the Los Angeles Antiques, Art + Design Show would be held from October 9-13; provided an update on public art at The Willows Community School; and discussed the upcoming meeting of the CAC Public Art subcommittee.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, thanked the Ad Hoc 2014 Performing Arts Grants subcommittee; announced upcoming performing arts grantee performances; discussed the many cultural meetings and events taking place at Veterans Memorial Auditorium; and she thanked Commissioner Williams for donating a Schafer and Sons baby grand piano to Veterans Memorial Building

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Items From Commissioners

Vice Chair Klein encouraged everyone to go see artwork at LAX Airport by Culver City resident Joyce Dallal.

Commissioner Bernardin announced a presentation by Eric Sims on the metamorphosis of the Culver Theater to the Kirk Douglas Theatre at the regular Culver City Historical Society meeting on October 16, and she requested an update on the request from the CCUSD Board regarding a new meeting space.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager, indicated that the issue remained open with additional conversation at the most recent School Board/City Council Liaison meeting.

Responding to Chair Koosed, Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager, indicated that the City would be considering a proclamation declaring October as National Arts and Humanities month on October 14.

Chair Koosed encouraged everyone to participate in the Cultural Affairs Foundation fundraiser at Pitfire Pizza on October 23; she invited everyone to go see Oy at The Actors' Gang as well as the Los Angeles Antiques, Art + Design Show; she reported that there had been an article about IndieCade in the Los Angeles Times Calendar section; and she thanked Martin Cole for his assistance.

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Re-envision Cultural Affairs in a Post-Redevelopment Environment had met twice and was moving forward.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:37 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 19, 2013 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED October 9, 2013



MARLA KOUSED
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

22 JAN 2014

Date