

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION,
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

December 11, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called
to order at 7:04 P.M.

Present: Chair Luther Henderson
Commissioner Clement Hanami
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marla Koosed

Absent: Vice Chair Gayle Smashey

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Julie Lugo Cerra.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

None.

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Item C-1

**Consent Calendar
Agenda Posting**

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Commissioner
Koosed, and unanimously passed to receive and file the
Secretary's Report on the Posting of the Agenda.

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Item C-2

**Consent Calendar
Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Commissioner Koosed, seconded by Commissioner Jayne, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 Regular Meeting as written.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Julie Lugo Cerra reminded everyone that Stu Freeman would be installed as the new President of the Historical Society at the Hull Building in January. She discussed historic designation plaques and noted that NPR had interviewed her recently at the Culver Hotel regarding the Munchkins.

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Item A-1

Action Items

Update from Staff on Proposals for Repair of Supporting Framework for Ed Carpenter's Art Work, *Hanging Garden*; the Downtown Public Art Walking Tour; the Performing Arts Grant Awards for 2008; the January Cultural Affairs Commission Town Hall; *Music in the Chambers* Program, and, the Culver City Unified School District Community Arts Team Meeting

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Christine Byers reported that as a result of Commission concerns with the Ruben's Glass proposal for the repair of the supporting framework for *Hanging Garden*, staff went back to Carlson & Co. who indicated that they would only commit to an exploratory first phase for \$20,500 - \$30,000 that included disassembling several sections of the framework. Staff found another company, LA ProPoint, which provided a detailed proposal that came in much higher than anticipated with an outside cost of approximately \$187,000. She indicated that staff was working to find a viable alternate proposal from a third company similar in scope to that provided by LA ProPoint and they were in contact with custom metal fabricators.

Commissioner Koosed asked whether Carlson & Co. indicated why they had retracted their initial proposal and Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers suggested

that perhaps Carlson & Co. took this alternate approach because they had enough work and did not need or want the project at this point in time.

Responding to Chair Henderson, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers explained that staff was pursuing leads in Southern California as they felt looking outside of the region would be cost prohibitive.

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers reported that staff was continuing to work on the downtown public art walking tour with the CAC's Public Art sub-committee and she expected to have the map completed by the end of the year.

Responding to Commissioner Koosed, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers explained that commissioner comments had been taken into consideration and she indicated that another version would be presented to the subcommittee soon.

Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Susan Obrow announced the 2008 recipients of the Performing Arts Grant Program; noted that a press release had been sent out and information was to be posted on the City website; contracts would be sent out by the end of the month; the pocket calendar is being revised; and new postcards promoting theatre, dance, a children series, and music are being developed.

Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow summarized efforts to promote the annual Cultural Affairs Commission Town Hall Meeting on January 8, 2008.

Commissioners Jayne and Koosed indicated that they would be unable to attend the Town Hall Meeting on January 8, 2008.

Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow announced performers for the Music in the Chambers series which begins in January 2008 with performances on Fridays.

Chair Henderson noted that his father had worked with Canadian Brass who are scheduled to perform on January 25.

Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow reported that the City would be hosting a meet and greet with the Culver City Unified School District Community Arts Team and local performing arts organizations at the Ivy Substation in March.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Cultural Affairs staff member Jeremy Green distributed correspondence to Commissioners.

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Items From Staff

With the aid of slides, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers updated the Commission on current projects including the *Here, Now, There, Then* project; the public art installation at the new Symantec site in Fox Hills; and she discussed the status of the historic designation plaques.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Koosed reported attending a performance of the *History Boys* with a group of high school students and she was impressed by the program.

Responding to Commissioner Jayne, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers indicated that the *Here, Now, There, Then* banners had held up fairly well over the past 12 months and the artist was considering using slightly different color tones that might wear better for the second installation.

Commissioner Jayne commented on the City's new website and was looking forward to seeing the downtown public art walking tour map. She was excited about interaction between artists and students and pleased to see that The Actors' Gang embraced the community so completely with its many partnerships.

Commissioner Jayne wished everyone happy holidays and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Hanami found the Symantec art work to be stunning and he wished everyone happy holidays.

Chair Henderson wanted to make sure that everyone was invited to the Town Hall meeting including the Senior Center.

Responding to Chair Henderson about partnering with seniors for ARTWALK Culver City, Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow reported that staff was working to schedule the annual meeting with the art galleries in January where the date for ARTWALK Culver City would be announced and new aspects of the program would be discussed. She indicated that this year they would announce the partnership with the MOCA Contemporaries and would then work to initiate discussions to further enhance the program.

Chair Henderson questioned whether the City's website had a capacity for music and he suggested that music or video excerpts could be incorporated for performing art grantees. Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow indicated that she would follow up with IT to see what was possible and she suggested adding links to artist websites.

Responding to Chair Henderson, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers indicated that just over \$300,000 is available for new art work from the Art Fund and she outlined some of the regular maintenance costs associated with public art.

Chair Henderson wished everyone season's greetings and he thanked the Commission and staff for their hard work during the year.

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Adjournment

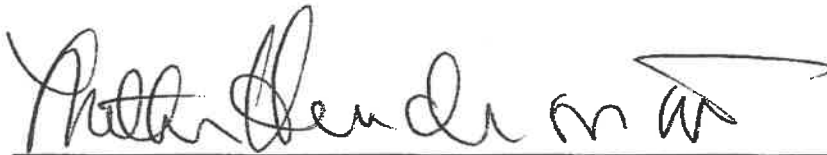
There being no further business, at 8:02 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Cultural Affairs Commission Town Hall Meeting to be held at 7:00

P.M. on January 8, 2008 in the Mike Balkman Council
Chambers at City Hall.

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Kristi Callan
Minutes Reporter

APPROVED _____

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Luther Henderson", is written over a horizontal line.

LUTHER HENDERSON

CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

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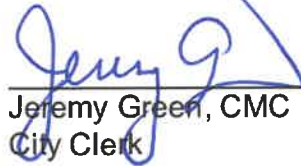
I, Jeremy Green, being the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Culver City, California hereby depose and declare

The 6 pages of the Cultural Affairs Commission Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2007 attached hereto are true and correct copies of documents in the possession of the City of Culver City.

I have affixed the Seal of the City of Culver City, California to indicate they are such true and correct copies.

Certified on this 7th day of March, 2022.

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Jeremy Green, CMC
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