

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

March 9, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

Present: Chair Marla Koosed
Vice Chair Clement Hanami
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marlyn Musicant
Commissioner Gayle Smashey

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eliana Pipes and Maya Lince.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Eric Sims invited everyone to attend *The Wake* at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

Eliana Pipes and Maya Lince, Girl Scout Troop 2415, presented their Silver Award Project, An Arts Activity Book of Culver City Public Art, to the Commission.

Discussion between the Commission and the speakers included: praise for the project; how the project tied in with objectives of the Culver City Community Cultural Plan; the genesis of the project; and length of time for completion.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-1

Agenda Posting

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

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Item C-2

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MUSICANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2010 REGULAR MEETING.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Overview of Maintenance of Art Work Included in Culver City's Art in Public Places Program and Recommendation to the City Council to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Joshua Callaghan for the Application of Photo Murals to Eleven Utility Boxes in and Adjacent to Town Plaza

Chair Koosed invited public participation.

No speakers came forward.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, provided a summary of the item.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: language in the ordinance regarding removal of public art on private property; tenant improvements; maintenance funding sources; artwork lifespans; deferred maintenance; the amount of maintenance required; the Art Fund; regular maintenance vs. restoration; unappropriated and unencumbered funds; Culver City vs. other cities in the region; temporary art installations; materials used in the pieces and the environment in the City; and staff time involved.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOSHUA CALLAGHAN FOR THE APPLICATION OF PHOTO MURALS TO ELEVEN UTILITY BOXES IN AND ADJACENT TO TOWN PLAZA.

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Items From Staff

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, announced the final performance of *Music in the Chambers* on March 19 and she reported that staff was working on marketing for *Rainbow Day* with Ballet Folclorico de Brasil on April 10.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, offered to provide copies of a report released in 2009 by Otis College of Art and Design regarding the economic impact of the arts and she agreed to provide copies of the report to the Redevelopment Agency and to the Redevelopment Director.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Inez Bush, Arts Coordinator for Culver City Unified School District, provided a presentation on the creation of the Front and Center CCUSD Theatre Collaborative and she reported on its accomplishments.

Carl Weintraub, We Tell Stories, described the mission and accomplishments of the group and the group performed for the Commission with elementary school students.

Vanessa Mizzone, Director of Education for The Actors' Gang, introduced middle school students who performed for the Commission and discussed the program.

Leslie Johnson, Director of Education Outreach, Center Theatre Group, discussed student engagement; their vision and goals; and she introduced several students from Culver City's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts who performed an original work for the Commission.

Discussion between the Commission and Ms. Bush included: compliments, congratulations, and appreciation from the Commission on well-run programs spanning elementary through

high school; a collaboration with the visual arts; the importance of creating appreciation for the arts at an early age; creating arts patrons; March as Arts Appreciation month; the theatre students receipt of several awards for *Nicholas Nickelby*; appreciation to the parents who support their children in their participation; and an invitation extended to visit the Commission again.

Inez Bush introduced Sheila Silver, the new Theatre Director for the AVPA.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Musicant reported on the well-attended Curren Price event, "Informational Hearing of the Joint Legislative Committee on Arts" on February 26 regarding the arts as an economic engine, noting that the Otis Report identified growth opportunities, and she expressed appreciation for the arts opportunities in Culver City schools.

Commissioner Jayne reported also attending the Curren Price event and she received an update from staff regarding the street performer item.

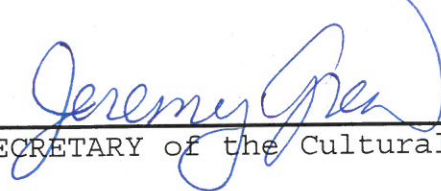
Chair Koosed thanked staff for their hard work; asked about the status of the application for Commissioner; received clarification that the Education and Lifelong Learning subcommittee and the Image and Public Relations subcommittee would both be meeting; reported attending the Armory show; discussed the importance of arts to the City and art as a powerful economic engine; suggested growing the visual art component of the City to an international level; discussed organic gallery growth in the City; and she reported on The High Line, an elevated public park located on retired freight rails with public art installations in New York City.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:42 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on April 13, 2010 in the Third Floor Patio Room at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED

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MARLA KOOSSED

CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
City of 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, City of Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date

By:

Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk