

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

June 10, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

### **Call to Order & Roll Call**

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

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

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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**

None.

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Item C-1

### **Consent Calendar Agenda Posting**

Moved by Vice Chair Smashey, seconded by Commissioner  
Jayne, and unanimously passed 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 Koosed, seconded by Vice Chair  
Smashey, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of

May 13, 2008 Cultural Affairs Commission meeting  
(Commissioner Jayne abstained due to her absence from that meeting).

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**Update on FY 2008-2009 and FY 2009-2010 Proposed Cultural Affairs Budget and Work Program**

Staff presented a summary of the material of record.

Staff and the Commission discussed: maintenance of public art; areas in which the Art Fund is an inadequate funding source; ensuring that the goals of the Community Cultural Plan are being addressed; branding, marketing, education, lifelong learning and the development of diverse art facilities; the role of the Cultural Affairs Foundation; the shelf life of the Community Cultural Plan; Made in Culver City; and partnering opportunities for the *Speakeasy* program.

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Vice Chair Smashey, and unanimously passed to receive and file the update for FY 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 with the comments of Commissioners noted.

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Item A-2

**Formation of a Cultural Affairs Commission/City Council Subcommittee and Appointment of Commissioners to that Subcommittee**

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Christine Byers provided a summary of the material of record.

Commissioners expressed support for the item as they felt it would improve communication and involvement of the Commission.

Staff and Commissioners discussed: staff involvement; the composition of the committee; meeting procedures; other subcommittee appointments in July; Brown Act concerns;

existing subcommittees; public noticing procedures; and the status of the subcommittee as a one-time project-based subcommittee.

Moved by Vice Chair Smashey and seconded by Commissioner Jayne to create a subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Smashey questioned the urgency of the item.

Chair Henderson reported that the Council had asked that the matter be expedited.

Commissioners discussed how to proceed and the importance of not over-committing oneself.

Moved by Commissioner Koosed and seconded by Commissioner Hanami to appoint Commissioner Jayne and Chair Henderson to serve on the subcommittee. The motion passed unanimously.

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#### **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

None.

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#### **Receipt of Correspondence**

None.

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#### **Items From Staff**

Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Susan Obrow introduced Ashley Singh from the USC School of Theatre who will serve as her summer intern, and she thanked the CAC's Grants and Artist Services subcommittee who met to discuss the 2009 Performing Arts Grant Application which will come before the full Commission at the July meeting.

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers reported on recent Cultural Affairs developments and noted City Council approval to repair of the supporting framework for Ed Carpenter's art work *Hanging Garden*. She reported that Hillary Morimoto, her Getty Foundation funded summer

intern, would begin on Monday and she outlined the tasks for which Ms. Morimoto would be responsible.

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#### **Items From Commissioners**

Responding to Commissioner Koosed, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow reported that the new Economic Development subcommittee had deferred to the City Manager to meet with the Commissioners, and that the City Manager has requested more information from staff while considering the best time to meet with the Commission.

Commissioner Koosed asked that a request be conveyed to the City Manager for input from the Agency Member who formerly served on the Economic Development subcommittee.

Responding to an inquiry, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers reported on the progress of the California Biennial.

Vice Chair Smashey announced a free concert by Perla Batalla on Saturday, June 21 at Caltech.

Commissioner Hanami thanked Chair Henderson for his hard work as Chair; congratulated Commissioner Jayne on being reappointed; and thanked staff for their hard work on *ARTWALK Culver City*.

Commissioner Koosed also thanked staff for their hard work; Chair Henderson for his work as Chair; and Commissioner Jayne on her reappointment.

Responding to Vice Chair Smashey, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers reported awareness of gallery owners' concerns with special events permits and noted that staff was working on this complicated issue which involved requirements as outlined by the California Building Code. She explained that the issues involved occupancy loads, fire prevention systems, seismic upgrades and liability, and that Community Development Director Sol Blumenfeld was moving forward with a solution.

Commissioner Jayne summarized Fiesta La Ballona activities and developments; thanked Chair Henderson for his service; complimented staff on the *ARTWALK Culver City*; and was pleased to be reappointed.

Chair Henderson thanked staff for their work on *ARTWALK Culver City* and he asked for information regarding any increase in economic activity on that day. He also thanked staff for their efforts over the past year, and asked about the Cultural Affairs Foundation logo and the status of the California Data Project.

Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow responded that an e-mail had been sent to all participating galleries thanking them for their participation and asking about their sales. She reported that responses were slowly coming in and that regardless of sales amounts, galleries were happy to participate and appreciated seeing new people in their galleries. She announced a Cultural Data Project workshop on June 16<sup>th</sup> with two more workshops scheduled for July and she indicated that fliers about the workshops would be sent out to Culver City Performing Arts organizations.

Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow reported that as a result of the California Data Project, staff was becoming aware of new arts organizations in the City who have not been involved with grants and the City can now reach out to them. She indicated that the graphic artist was working on the second draft of the Cultural Affairs Foundation logo, and that something would be ready to show the Foundation Board at its next meeting in July.

Responding to Chair Henderson, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers indicated that a draft of the updated Public Art Ordinance would likely come forward for consideration to the CAC in August.

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### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 8:37 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on July 8, 2008 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan

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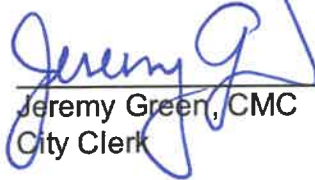
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