

SPECIAL MEETING
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 19, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Susan Anderson (excused)

*Vice Chair Klein arrived at 7:17 P.M.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matthew Hetz.

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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

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, reported that
correspondence had been distributed.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2013

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BERNARDIN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BERNARDIN, KOOSSED, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ANDERSON, KLEIN

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Action Items

Item A-2
(Out of Sequence)

**Consideration of a Recommendation from the Ad Hoc 2014
Performing Arts Grants Program Subcommittee and a
Recommendation to the City Council Related to the 2014
Performing Arts Grants Program Awards**

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, provided a summary of the staff report.

Chair Koosed invited public input.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, thanked the Commission for their support; discussed work with Culver City Unified School District students; West Los Angeles College; and he announced upcoming events.

Daniel Corral, The Society for the Activation of Social Space through Art and Sound, thanked the Commission for consideration of the grant.

Jerry Hornof, Los Angeles Doctors Symphony Orchestra, thanked the Commission for the grant and discussed the mission of the orchestra.

Laura Boccaletti, Culver City Public Theatre, thanked the Commission for their support.

Adilah Barnes, Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival, thanked the Commission for the grant.

Simon Hanna, The Actors' Gang, thanked the Commission for their consideration; discussed past and future performances; and collaboration with local businesses.

Commissioner Williams thanked applicants for their presentations; hoped for additional collaboration with arts groups in the City; discussed broadening audiences; and he hoped to see all the performances.

Vice Chair Klein joined the meeting at 7:17 P.M.

Vice Chair Klein thanked the panelists; discussed the process; the applicants; collaboration; and sharing of information.

Jeff Gauthier, The Jazz Bakery, announced upcoming events.

Arlette Cardenes, Culver City Chamber Orchestra, announced upcoming events.

Donna Sternberg, Donna Sternberg and Dancers, discussed a previous performance on November 10; site specific performances; she thanked the City for the grant and Susan Obrow for her assistance; and she discussed the planned grant performance.

Commissioner Bernardin congratulated the applicants.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the total amount awarded this year vs. last year; development and allocations; the Sony contribution; artistic value; and encouragement to the artists to keep up the good work.

Jennifer Mulder, Vox Femina Los Angeles expressed appreciation for the grant.

Chair Koosed thanked Vice Chair Klein and Commissioner Williams for their work on the grants.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KLEIN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AD HOC 2014 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE, RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT 2014 PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM AWARDS BE ALLOCATED AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BERNARDIN, KLEIN, KOOSSED, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ANDERSON

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Item A-1
(Out of Sequence)

Consideration of a Statement Regarding the Pending Hiatus of the 2014 Town Hall Meeting

Chair Koosed invited public input.

There were no cards and no speakers came forward.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, provided a summary of the staff report and read the proposed statement regarding the hiatus of the Town Hall meeting.

Vice Chair Klein apologized for her tardiness; discussed the Town Hall meetings; the Cultural Plan; the recession; ensuring that ideas are captured and responded to; presentation and concern with including too much information; and she suggested adding a footnote to clarify the reference to the new post-Redevelopment environment.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding Town Hall meetings; concern with over-burdening staff; the next City budget; additional funding; working with the Cultural Affairs Foundation; improving Veterans Memorial

Auditorium; creative fundraising; maintaining a positive tone;; the importance of educating the public; public input; participation; marketing; relevancy; concern with the length of the statement; the Four Pillars; and adding a reminder of opportunities to be involved.

Chair Koosed received clarification that the consensus of the Commission was to make the third paragraph of the statement regarding the 2012 dissolution of redevelopment an asterisked footnote at the bottom of the page in a smaller font.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding adding links for additional information, how to remain involved, and email; the Community Cultural Plan; concern with diluting the effect of the message; adding language to indicate that work would be done to incorporate the Cultural Plan into the public meeting process; clarification that the Cultural Plan had begun in the previous year; replacing post-Redevelopment language to indicate forward motion; concern with discussing what is to be done in the future when resources are still unknown; the work of subcommittees; a suggestion to title the statement: Re-Envisioning Culver City's Cultural Affairs Commission Town Hall Meeting in the New Era; and clarification that staff would move forward with direction provided and send out the statement on behalf of the Commission.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERNARDIN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION:

1. APPROVE THE STATEMENT RELATED TO THE PENDING HIATUS OF THE 2014 TOWN HALL MEETING WITH CHANGES AS DISCUSSED; AND,
2. REQUEST THE STATEMENT BE DISTRIBUTED VIA THE CITY'S E-MAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM, PLACED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, AND MADE AVAILABLE IN HARD COPY FORMAT AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT CITY FACILITIES. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BERNARDIN, KLEIN, KOOSSED, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ANDERSON

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, indicated

that the amended statement would be distributed before Thanksgiving.

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Items From Staff

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, reported on recent performances by Donna Sternberg and Dancers, the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra, and the Culver City Symphony Orchestra; she reported that the New American Theatre was continuing to rehearse in the building; and she announced that affordable rooms for rehearsals or special events were available at Veterans Memorial Building.

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, discussed agenda items for the December 10, 2013 regular Commission meeting, and the request from the School Board to hold their meeting in Council Chambers.

Chair Koosed noted that the report from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Re-Envision Cultural Affairs in the Post-Redevelopment Era would come forward in January 2014.

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Items From Commissioners

Chair Koosed reported that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Re-Envision Cultural Affairs in the Post-Redevelopment Era had been unable to meet.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding email communication with organizations in the City; creating a comprehensive list of organizations in the City; closing gaps in communication; fundraisers; the Foundation Board;

using linkedin.com for Cultural Affairs; social media; and resources.

Responding to Chair Koosed, staff reported on the Arts for L.A. Convergence Event; Arts for L.A. advocacy; Pechakucha; and the connectivity between people. Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the cancellation of the December Commission meeting and encouragement to the public to attend the December Cultural Affairs Foundation meeting.

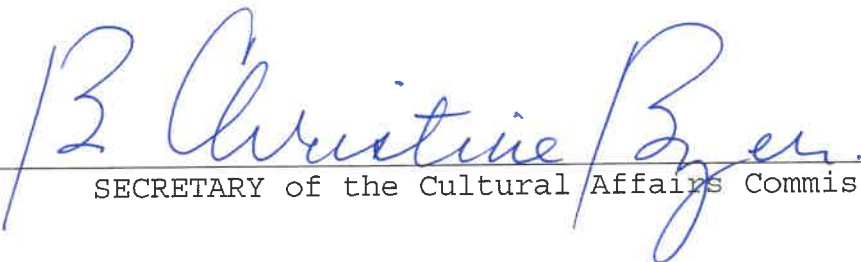
Commissioner Williams discussed marketing tools for upcoming performances and wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:44 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on January 14, 2014 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED

02.11.2014



MARLA KOUSED
CHAIR of the 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

15 SEP 2014

Date