

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

September 13, 2011
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 Gayle Smashey
Vice Chair Marlyn Musicant*
Commissioner Michelle Bernardin
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marla Koosed

*Vice Chair Musicant arrived at 7:15 P.M.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Wynn.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
KOOSD THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2011 REGULAR MEETING. THE MOTION
CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BERNARDIN, KOOSD, JAYNE, SMASHEY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: MUSICANT

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Action Items

Item A-1

(1) Review of Existing Subcommittees (Including the Potential Dissolution, Modification, and/or Reconfirmation of Subcommittees) and (2) Assignment of Commissioners to Subcommittees for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Staff summarized the material of record.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, read a comment into the record submitted by Julie Lugo Cerra.

Vice Chair Musicant arrived.

A discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the procedure for creating ad hoc subcommittees; maintaining the Public Art Subcommittee as a standing subcommittee; transparency and thoroughness; public participation; noticing and the public process; efficiency; the ability for the subcommittees to react quickly to opportunities or issues; ordinance updates; support for eliminating extraneous work; the need to preserve what has been built; the future of the Historic Preservation Subcommittee; clarification regarding standing subcommittee requirements; Municipal Code mandated responsibilities of the Cultural Affairs Commission with regard to historic preservation; Julie Lugo Cerra's comments; procedure for future agenda meetings; the survey; the purpose of subcommittees; the Community Cultural Plan; effects of dissolving the Education and Lifelong Learning Subcommittee; an update on the Culver City Unified School District's Community Arts Team (DCAT); a suggestion that the Chair or Vice Chair sit on the DCAT; public art vs. historic preservation; giving items equal weight; standing subcommittees vs. ad hoc subcommittees; the need for updates and adjustments over time; ; clarification that the Chair and Vice Chair would continue to serve on the Cultural Affairs Foundation Board; the Festivals and Events Subcommittee; and clarification that other Commissions have gone through a similar process with their subcommittees.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Julie Lugo Cerra discussed mandated responsibilities of the Commission; public input and participation; background on the Commission and on the Historic Preservation program; standing subcommittees; the Art in Public Places Program; using volunteers; the historic structures survey; lack of feedback from the City; sale of the Citizen Building; the perception of City interest in historic preservation; and the Veterans Memorial Building..

Further discussion between Commissioners and staff ensued regarding possibly combining the Art in Public Places and Historic Preservation Subcommittees; maintaining continuity; concern with overburdening subcommittee members; moving projects forward; the update of the Historic Preservation Ordinance as a feasible starting point; clarification that staff is awaiting direction from the City Manager's Office before proceeding with any work related to the Historic Preservation Ordinance update; leaving subcommittees standing even if they are not active; and City Council support of the subcommittees.

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

1. DISSOLVE ALL EXISTING SUBCOMMITTEES; AND
2. CREATE THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBCOMMITTEES: 2012 CULVER CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; THE 2012 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ORDINANCE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE; THE PUBLIC ART STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE; AND THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BERNARDIN, JAYNE, SMASHEY
NOES KOOSSED, MUSICANT
ABSENT: NONE

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KOOSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MAKE COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE:

2012 Culver City Music Festival

Commissioner Bernardin and Commissioner Jayne

2012 Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program

Chair Smashey and Commissioner Jayne

Art in Public Places Ordinance

Chair Smashey and Commissioner Koosed

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

Public Art

Vice Chair Musicant and Commissioner Koosed

Historic Preservation

Vice Chair Musicant and Commissioner Bernardin

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Item A-2

Nomination and Appointment of Board Member to the Culver City Cultural Affairs Foundation Board of Directors.

Nominate and Appoint member

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record.

A discussion between staff and the Commission ensued regarding support for Ms. Leslie Jones and clarification that staff had met with Ms. Jones.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KOOSD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION NOMINATE AND APPOINT MS. LESLIE JONES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CULVER CITY CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items From Staff

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, reported receipt of applications for the 2012 Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program; she announced *Made in Culver City* on September 17 in the City Hall Courtyard; and she announced that work was moving forward on *Speak Easy*.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, provided an update on the installation of the public art for Thom Mayne's Culver City headquarters, noting the significant role the Public Art subcommittee played in this project; she reported on the relocation of the *Secret Life of Swimmers* banners to Sepulveda Boulevard; discussed a public talk given by Shannon Ebner on August 27; and provided an update on work with cultureNOW-MuseumWithoutWalls.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, reported that IndieCade banners had been installed in downtown and she detailed progress on *INVADED!*, the public art component of IndieCade.

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Items From Commissioners

Vice Chair Musicant thanked staff for their hard work and outlined the many successful summer projects.

Commissioner Koosed discussed installation of *INVADED!* during the opening of *Art Platform Los Angeles* and the Getty's *Pacific Standard Time* launch, expressing hope that additional viewing would be generated.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, indicated that installation was planned for September 30.

Commissioner Koosed encouraged everyone to visit the Thom Mayne's new office building and public art installation, and she thanked Christine Byers for hosting her and KCRW art critic, Edward Goldman, on a tour of public art in Culver City.

Commissioner Bernardin discussed the *Culver City Music Festival*; was looking forward to *Made in Culver City*; she reported plans to attend a Culver City Historical Society event at the Culver Hotel; and she discussed *Pacific Standard Time* and *Speak Easy* and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Jayne reported attending the *Culver City Music Festival* and *Fiesta La Ballona*, and she discussed trees and the placement of *The Secret Life of Swimmers* banners.

Chair Smashey encouraged everyone to participate in the *World Festival of Sacred Music* from October 1-16.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:56 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on October 11, 2011 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED

10/11/11



GAYLE SMASHEY

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

12-15-11

By:



Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

***Culver* CITY**

**CANCELLATION OF REGULAR
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION WILL NOT MEET ON AUGUST 9, 2011 DUE TO A LACK OF AGENDA ITEMS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL.


JEREMY GREEN
MANAGEMENT ANALYST

Dated Tuesday, July 26, 2011

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