

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 18, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Dickter called regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chair Len Dickter
Commissioner Zoltan Pali

Absent: Commissioner Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator
Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tania Fleischer.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Dickter invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Dr. Janet Hault reported serving as Honorary Artist Laureate for the City since 2015; indicated that she serves on the CAC Ad Hoc Artist Laureate subcommittee; reminded everyone how important the program is for the City; wanted to ensure that the Artist Laureate Program can be brought forward during the Centennial year; discussed Culver City Public Theatre in Carlson Park; she read a poem by Angie Waller, a student in

her "Word Painting" poetry class at the Senior Center; and she encouraged everyone to submit a poem for the last Centennial poetry reading at the Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum in September.

Barbara Elwood asked that the Commission restore the map of art galleries located in the Culver City Arts District to the City website; she submitted information on galleries that have moved or relocated; she wanted to see the Cultural Affairs Division actively reach out to art galleries; discussed her work with the Centennial Committee; she reported a divide between galleries in Culver City and galleries in Los Angeles; discussed availability of services; and she asked that a relationship be established with visual artists in the City.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding promoting the work of individual artists in the City; the geography of Culver City vs. the City of Los Angeles; the creative economy; outreach and stakeholder involvement; the purview of the City's Economic Development Division; creating a Business Improvement District in the Culver City Arts District; border sensitivities; and posting of the map on the City website.

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Order of the Agenda

Chair Dickter asked that Item A-1 be moved forward on the agenda.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC - Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed/Re-Appointed Commission Member(s)

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, administered the Oath of Office to Len Dickter, Brenda Williams and Tania Fleischer.

Chair Dickter congratulated new Commissioners and thanked former Commissioners for their hard work and dedication.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PALI AND SECONDED BY CHAIR DICKTER THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 16, 2017.

THE MOTION FAILED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DICKTER, PALI,
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WISNOSKY STEHLIN
ABSTAIN: FLEISCHER, WILLIAMS

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, indicated that the motion did not pass due to a lack of a quorum and that the minutes would return for consideration at the next meeting.

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Item A-2

**CAC – Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year
2017-2018**

Susan Obrow, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, read a statement from Commissioner Wisnosky Stehlin outlining her views on Item A-2.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PALI AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPOINT LEN DICKTER TO SERVE AS CHAIR AND JEANNINE WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DICKTER, FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WISNOSKY STEHLIN

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Item A-3

CAC - (1) Dissolution of the Ad Hoc 2017 Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee; (2) Creation of the Ad Hoc 2018 Culver City Performing Arts Grants Program Subcommittee; and (3) Assignment of Commissioners to Ad Hoc and Standing Subcommittees for Fiscal Year 2017-1018

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record with background on each subcommittee.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION DISSOLVE THE AD HOC 2017 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DICKTER, FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WISNOSKY STEHLIN

MOVED BY CHAIR DICKTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PALI THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION CREATE THE AD HOC 2018 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DICKTER, FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WISNOSKY STEHLIN

Susan Obrow, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, read a statement from Vice Chair Wisnosky Stehlin outlining her preferences for which subcommittees she would like to serve on.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding subcommittee assignments.

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

1. APPOINT VICE CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN AND COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER TO SERVE ON THE ARTIST LAUREATE SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
2. APPOINT CHAIR DICKTER AND COMMISSIONER PALI TO SERVE ON THE CREATIVE ECONOMY REPORT SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
3. APPOINT COMMISSIONER PALI AND COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS TO SERVE ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
4. APPOINT VICE CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN AND COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER TO SERVE ON THE 2018 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
5. APPOINT CHAIR DICKTER AND VICE CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE PERTAINING TO REVISING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CULVER CITY CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION; AND
6. APPOINT COMMISSIONER PALI AND COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS TO SERVE ON THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DICKTER, FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: WISNOSKY STEHLIN

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Item A-4

CAC – Receive information from Staff Pertaining to the 2017 Americans for the Arts (AFTA) Preconferences and Convention and the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Report, and Provide Direction to Staff as Appropriate

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, provided a report on the preconferences and annual convention, and she provided background on Americans for the Arts.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, reported attending the Racial Equity Preconference presented by the Center for Social Inclusion; provided background on the Center for Social Inclusion that regularly works with the City of Culver City; she discussed topics covered; outreach of the Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program; continuing the commitment to diversification of the grant panel, grantees and audiences; identifying who is not being reached; coordination with the Culver City Unified School District; and she read the Statement of Cultural Equity from AFTA noting that it is now part of the welcoming page for the Culver City 2018 Performing Arts Grant application.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, noted that the Statement of Cultural Equity also applies to the Public Art Program; she discussed brainstorming with the Public Art subcommittee to massage guidelines and expand engagement; growth in public arts programs in the United States; data driven advocacy and care for public art; property owner responsibility for maintenance and restoration; staff resources to monitor fulfillment of obligations; quantifying depreciation; showing the value of regular maintenance vs. deferred maintenance; the Los Angeles County Arts Commission's "Adopt a Civic Artwork" program; civic engagement; public art information on the City's website; creation of the an activity book by two middle school students related to Culver City public art as part of a Girl Scout project; finding new ways to engage the public; a new walking tour for public art and historic sites downtown; a potential web app component; evaluating the impacts of public art programs; accountability; Southern California and Northern California public art administrators groups; creation of a listserv of all administrators for the entire state; SB 854 Public Works Reform; commissioned artworks; Caltrans projects; copyright issues; and the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Report.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, discussed data from the Arts and Economic Prosperity 5 Report, indicating that residents will support the arts in their cities, but

will also travel to other cities to enjoy various arts events.

Commissioner Fleischer reported being a member of AFTA; discussed the AFTA website; the Creative Economy Report; and she suggested that Commissioners attend sessions at the conference next time.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding making AFTA part of Commission homework; having members of subcommittees attend applicable conference sessions; community engagement; arts and business groups; putting ideas into motion; looking outside of the City; raising the profile of the Art in Public Places Program; galleries and artist venues; and depth and diversity in the City.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Dickter invited public input.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, read written comments submitted by:

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Receipt of Correspondence

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items From Staff

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, announced upcoming Performing Arts Grant Program performances including the Culver City Public Theatre at Carlson Park on Saturdays and Sundays from July 15 through August 20; We Tell Stories at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library on July 19, July 26, and August 2; she reported that the application for the 2018

Performing Arts Grant Program would launch on July 19; she discussed outreach; announced the application workshop on August 9 at Veterans Memorial Building; and she indicated that the 2018 Performing Arts Grant Program subcommittee would be convening soon.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that construction barricades would be going up soon around Parcel B resulting in the re-siting of the Harry Culver family monument near the Culver Hotel for two years until the Parcel B project is completed; she discussed wrapped utility boxes; and presentation of the Creative Economy Report at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Municipal Arts Funders meeting with Susan Obrow.

Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections, indicated that she would present next time on the Downtown Walking Tour after a trial walk through with the Antioch University Alumni Council noting that the tour includes public art in the downtown area, pieces not commissioned under the Art in Public Places Program, and historic sites.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, introduced Aidan Birnbaum, the new summer intern funded by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and she bid farewell to Mari Sullivan who has moved on to the Pacific Opera Project after a year of service noting that a replacement would be announced soon.

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Items from Commissioners

Chair Dickter reported that the Creative Economy Report subcommittee had met with the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Taskforce, and he attended the first meeting of the City Hall Landscaping Replacement and Centennial Garden Project review committee meeting noting that the next meeting would be on July 26.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:22 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on August 15, 2017 in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

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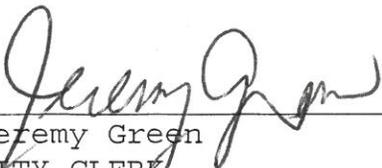
SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED 08.15.2017



LEN DICKTER
CHAIR of the Culver City 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.



Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

16 AUG 2017
Date