

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

April 8, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The special meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission Public Art Subcommittee was called to order at 6:08 P.M. in the Patio Room at City Hall.

Present: Brenda Williams, Chair
Ehsaan Mesghali, Commissioner

Staff: Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager
Sam Lee, Cultural Affairs Analyst

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Cultural Affairs Commission Public Art Subcommittee Meeting

MOVED BY CHAIR WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MESGHALI AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025 CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING.

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Order of the Agenda

Item A-2 was considered before Item A-1.

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Action Items

Item A-2
(Out of Sequence)

1) Consideration of a Permanent Art Concept by Geoff McFetridge for a Project at 8432 Steller Drive and 3592 Eastham Drive; 2)

Provide Comments; and, 3) Make Recommendations to the Cultural Affairs Commission

Sam Lee, Cultural Affairs Analyst, introduced the item.

Beau Basse, LeBasse Projects, provided a presentation on the proposed art concept by Geoff McFetridge; discussed the Culver City ordinance requiring a 10 year grace period for artists; project location; the separate properties owned by the same developer; the plan to treat the two different projects like a single property and combine the budgets; concept design; past work; Culver City as a hub of creativity and cultural exchange; and providing an exploration of open-mindedness and connectivity.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding using the same title for the pieces; permitting; the standalone projects; legal language; use of similar language for each project; approval of two projects that are listed as a single piece with two addresses; and precedent with other projects with other artists in Los Angeles.

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Item A-1

1) Consideration of a Permanent Art Concept by Rogan Gregory for a Project at 3550 Hayden Avenue; and, 3) Make Recommendations to the Cultural Affairs Commission

Beau Basse, LeBasse Projects, provided a presentation on the proposed art concept by Rogan Gregory for a project at 3550 Hayden Avenue; discussed support of the artists by Redcar Properties; materials; costs; and project delays.

Discussion ensued between staff and Subcommittee Members regarding previous feedback regarding the concept; fee amount; concern that what is being shown is not representative of the artist's work; space limitations; a request for a floor plan; the hope that the artist could give more thought to the project to enhance the work and make it more robust; concern with theft of bronze; responsibility for replacement if stolen; anchoring; and the item as going before the full Commission for consideration on May 20.

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Items from Members/Staff

Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed cancellation of the April Cultural Affairs meeting; moving the May Commission meeting to a different location due to the City Council needing Council Chambers; the update on the Dyson & Womack's *A Frame for a Tree* artwork by Charles Gaines Studio; the Marc Fornes project; budget approval; rotating and temporary art programming; use of local artists; smaller budgets; and flexibility.

Sam Lee, Cultural Affairs Analyst, agreed to share the final design for the Farragut Connector project with Public Art Subcommittee Members; discussed feedback from the City Manager to include a duplex into the row of houses in the design; and expected installation of the project before the end of the fiscal year.

Tracey Corrine Karakami indicated that she was present to see what was going on and she discussed her work on the Green Streets Committee in Mar Vista.

Chair Williams discussed Desert X 2025.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the special meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission Public Art Subcommittee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CITY CLERK of the City Council of Culver City,
California

APPROVED _____

Brenda Williams
CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
Public Art Subcommittee