

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

December 8, 2009
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 Marla Koosed
Vice Chair Clement Hanami
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marlyn Musicant
Commissioner Gayle Smashey

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave McCarthy.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Melody Friend invited everyone to a photography exhibition
at Green Peas.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Posting

Item C-1

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
SMASHEY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE
SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

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Meeting Minutes

Item C-2

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MUSICANT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2009 REGULAR MEETING.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of a Public Art Concept for 10195 Washington Blvd. (St. Augustine Catholic Church)

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

Daniel White, architect and liturgical consultant, provided background on the project and outlined features of the site.

Marie-Francoise Carbonnelle, artist, provided professional background on herself, examples of her art, and outlined her plans for the baptismal font.

Daniel White discussed: the symbolism of the art; maintenance; the specifics of placement of the baptismal font within the church; and other details of the project.

Discussion between staff, the Commission and the speakers included: how the painted panels would be incorporated into the font; maintenance; the font's spillway channel; symbolism; minimizing water contact with the paintings; access and visibility; medium and techniques for painting; protective coverings and sealants for painted surfaces; compensation to Ms. Carbonnelle and breakdown of costs; and future information for the public about the baptismal font and its symbolism.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HANAMI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: APPROVE THE NEW BAPTISMAL FONT AS FULFILLING THE CULVER CITY ART IN THE PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 10195 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD.

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Item A-2

Review of Recommendations for the 2010 Culver City Music Festival

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record.

Chair Koosed invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Catherine Yanda thanked staff for their hard work; discussed handicapped access at the concerts; and suggested moving dancing to the back so as not to block visibility.

Jeff Cooper expressed support for the recommendations and for sending the matter to the Disability Advisory Committee for recommendations.

Dr. Jay Shery, Chair of the Disability Advisory Committee, expressed support for having the matter of disabled seating and access go to the Disability Advisory Committee for consideration.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: unintended consequences; sending the matter to the Disability Advisory Committee for consideration; accessibility for the disabled; fine tuning and further improving a successful event; music genres; festival courtesy rules; event funding; restaurant patronage; survey methods and results; demographics; management recommendations vs. artistic programming; subcommittee meetings; changing the performance day; the move to Town Plaza; the economic impact of the festival; a suggestion that local restaurants sell boxed meals for the festival; advertising at the concerts; free speech accommodation; musical descriptions; house management staff; public safety concerns; and encouragement to the Downtown Business Association to be more proactive.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MUSICANT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: RECOMMEND TO THE CULVER CITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2010 CULVER CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL BE IMPLEMENTED AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS BY THE DISABILITY ADVISORY

COMMITTEE AND THE ADDITION TO FESTIVAL COURTESY RULES THAT ALL DOGS SHOULD BE ON A LEASH.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, distributed correspondence to Commissioners and read letters from We Tell Stories and the Historical Society.

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Items From Staff

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, reported that final approval for the Performing Arts Grants would go before the City Council on December 14, and she announced *Speak Easy* on December 10 at the Culver Events Center and the final performance of We Tell Stories on December 12 at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, extended holiday wishes to everyone and reported that the January 12 Commission meeting would be a Town Hall Meeting.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Jayne received an update regarding musicians in Town Plaza and wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Smashey reported issues with broadcasts on the AT&T U-Verse public access channel; she reported that Hamilton Academy was doing an excellent production of *Cabaret*; she indicated that she would be attending Center Theatre Group's production of *Mary Poppins*; she announced

that artwork by Culver Parks students would be included in a display at the Pacific Design Center from December 17 - January 8; and she announced that AVPA Theatre Students had been selected by the California Educational Theatre Association as first place winners for a 2009-2010 Theatre Festival.

Commissioner Hanami wished everyone happy holidays; announced that he would have to miss the Town Hall meeting in January; and encouraged everyone to view the art and support the local businesses at the Westfield Shopping Center in Fox Hills.

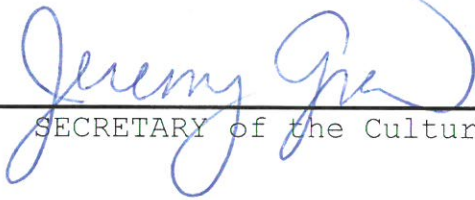
Chair Koosed thanked Commissioners Jayne and Musicant for their work on the Festivals and Events Subcommittee; she thanked staff for their hard work; and she encouraged everyone to attend the *WTF Festival* at the Actors' Gang through December 19 and *Speak Easy* at the Culver Events Center on December 10.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:01 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Town Hall Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on January 12, 2010 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

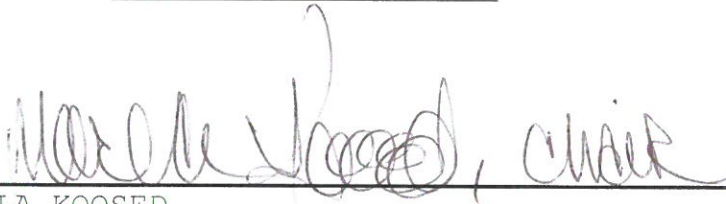
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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED

1-12-10



MARLA KOOSSED

CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
City of Culver City, California

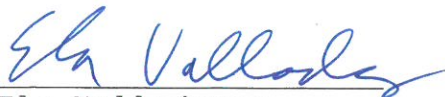
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

1-19-10

Date

By:



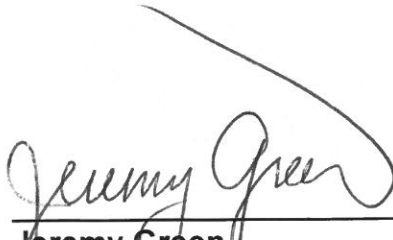
Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 11:00 AM, the agenda for the Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was posted in the bulletin display case outside the Council Chambers at City Hall.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 2nd day of December, in Culver City, California.



Jeremy Green
Management Analyst

