

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

April 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called
to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Chair Luther Henderson
Vice Chair Gayle Smashey
Commissioner Clement Hanami
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marla Koosed

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Jeffries.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Greg Reiner, The Actors' Gang, reported on his experience
with the California Cultural Data Project and he announced
that *Klub* would be opening on April 12.

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Item C-1

**Consent Calendar
Agenda Posting**

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Vice Chair
Smashey, and unanimously passed to receive and file the
Secretary's Report on the Posting of the Agenda.

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Item C-2

Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Koosed stated that the first sentence in the second paragraph on page 2 should read: "Moved by Commissioner Jayne and seconded by Commissioner Hanami to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Town Hall Meeting as written."

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Commissioner Koosed, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of February 12, 2008 as amended.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of the California Cultural Data Project's (CDP) Impact on Performing Arts Grants and Review of Outreach Plan to Culver City-base Performing Arts Organization

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

Staff and Commissioners discussed the positive experience The Actors' Gang had with the project; the project as a short cut for organizations to apply for grants; costs associated with the workshop; outreach efforts; producing organizations in Culver City; County outreach to everyone; the Help Desk; offering a hands-on approach with a tutorial; the Culver City business license requirement for grant consideration; whether there was room on the application to address any questions Culver City has; and the next steps in the process.

Responding to Chair Henderson, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow explained that Long Beach was the guinea pig of the project and staff wanted to get ahead of the application release date to ensure that all performing arts organizations understood about the benefits of the process and could enroll. She added that Culver City would benefit from each municipality's experience; she cited the need to get all Culver City organizations online; she explained that the Foundation would also benefit from the CDP; and she pointed out that Culver City was at the forefront of cities participating which would bring the City to the attention of various prestigious foundations.

Moved by Vice Chair Smashey and seconded by Commissioner Jayne to approve an outreach plan regarding the California Cultural Data project to Culver City based Performing Arts Organizations. A voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Staff

Public Art & Historic Preservation Coordinator Christine Byers distributed a copy of web statistics for all divisions in the City for January through March noting that within Cultural Affairs, the art gallery page appeared to be the most popular page visited. She updated Commission on various Cultural Affairs projects including: the art banners on West Washington Boulevard; interactive maps and the downloadable walking tour map on the City website; delays in Council's consideration of the repair project for Ed Carpenter's art work and the resulting increase in costs; public art on private property and new developments; the need for additional funds to complete the City-wide historic structures survey; an update on CAC Public Art Subcommittee activities; and, implementation of the proposed temporary art installation by Jedediah Caesar.

Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow distributed pocket calendars, detailed promotional efforts for ARTWALK Culver City, and reported on past and future events including *Halfway Down the Stairs with Uncle Ruthie and Friends*, and the Definiens Project.

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Items From Commissioners

Responding to Commissioner concerns with the decision-making processes for the Culver City Music Festival, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow

indicated that it was her understanding that the Festivals and Events Subcommittee would not be involved in reviewing the lineup but it would instead be handled by the producer with the Economic Subcommittee giving the final approval.

The Commission directed staff to convey to the City Manager and Agency their serious concerns with the lack of involvement of the Cultural Affairs Commission in the Culver City Music Festival. Chair Henderson suggested that the names of other producers be submitted for the next RFP so that more choices would be available to the City.

Responding to Vice Chair Smashey, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow reported that staff had been contacted by Doug Dutton, who was still reviewing his options.

Commissioner Jayne spoke about her recent visit to China.

Chair Henderson reported inviting composer John Williams to participate in future Culver City events when he saw Mr. Williams speak at Los Angeles City College, and he felt it important to update the Performing Arts Grant applications.

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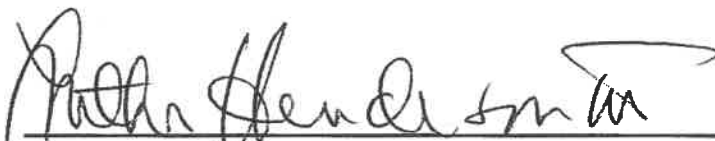
Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:26 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on May 13, 2008 in the Patio Room at City Hall.

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Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan

APPROVED _____



LUTHER HENDERSON

CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

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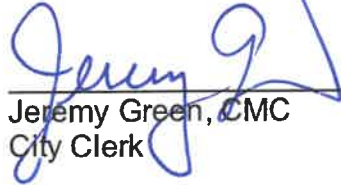
I, Jeremy Green, being the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Culver City, California hereby depose and declare

The 4 pages of the Cultural Affairs Commission Approved Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2008 attached hereto are true and correct copies of documents in the possession of the City of Culver City.

I have affixed the Seal of the City of Culver City, California to indicate they are such true and correct copies.

Certified on this 7th day of March, 2022.

BY:



Jeremy Green, CMC
City Clerk

