

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

May 12, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

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

Absent: Commissioner Ronnie Jayne (excused)

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joan Potter.

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**Consent Calendar
Agenda Posting**

Item C-1

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KOOSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER JAYNE) 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 HENDERSON, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KOOSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER JAYNE) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2009 REGULAR MEETING.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Joan Potter, Vox Femina, announced their concert on May 16 at the Culver City Presbyterian Church.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of Three Public Art Concepts for Westfield Culver City

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, presented a summary of the material of record and introduced Westfield representatives who presented the three public art concepts.

Discussion between the Commission and Westfield representatives included: maintenance issues; accessibility issues; whether images on the medallions design by Chris Doyle would change; involvement of the Culver City Historical Society; lighting components; fine tuning to highlight the differences between the wood pieces by David Trubridge and Punctuation Park by Jeff Kopp; whether there would be a budget for special maintenance allocated for the art work; a suggestion to speak with an ADA consultant; the medallions as a contemporary reflection of Culver City; how many artists were considered and whether diversity was a criteria in selection; the number of build outs; subcommittee review of finalized concepts of Culver City Currency; and Westfield efforts to publicize the public art component.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HANAMI, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KOOSD, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT COMMISSIONER JAYNE) THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE THE ART WORK CONCEPTS BY JEFF KOPP, CHRIS DOYLE, AND DAVID TRUBRIDGE AS FULFILLING THE CULVER CITY ART IN THE PUBLIC PLACE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WESTFIELD CULVER CITY SHOPPING MALL EXPANSION PROJECT.

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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

Susan Obrow, Special Events and Performing Arts Coordinator, reported on past and upcoming performances of Performing Arts grantees, and announced ARTWALK Culver City on May 30. She also reported that the City Council had approved allowing the Cultural Affairs Foundation to submit letters of inquiry and applications for selected funders.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, congratulated Chair Smashey on her reappointment; reported that Marlyn Musicant had been appointed to the Cultural Affairs Commission and would start on July 1; she reported meeting with Martin Cole, City Clerk/Assistant City Manager, regarding the suggestion for a supplemental application or questionnaire for Committees, Commissions and Boards; she indicated that in conjunction with ARTWALK Culver City banners in the Art District would be replaced and a new artist banner would be included; she provided an update on the repair of "Hanging Garden"; and reported on efforts by community volunteers to restore "Postcards from Ballona."

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration & Special Projects Coordinator, congratulated Chair Smashey on her reappointment.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Hanami felt that Marlyn Musicant would be a good addition to the Commission.

Vice Chair Koosed thanked staff for their hard work and she reported attending the opening of "Our Town."

Commissioner Henderson congratulated Chair Smashey on her reappointment and Marlyn Musicant on her appointment, and he was pleased that the Cultural Affairs Foundation received approval to move forward with inquiries for grant applications. He received clarification that the banners on West Washington Boulevard were in the process of being removed and that the RFP for the Culver City Music Festival producer would go before the Redevelopment Agency on June 15.

Chair Smashey thanked staff for their work on "Hanging Gardens," she congratulated Marlyn Musicant on her appointment, and she reported that the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, a state park in the middle of the City, is now open.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:35 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on June 9, 2009 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan