

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

November 8, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

Present: Chair Gayle Smashey
Vice Chair Marlyn Musicant
Commissioner Michelle Bernardin
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marla Koosed

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Heidi Dotson.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KOOSSED, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR MUSICANT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULAR MEETING.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Julie Lugo Cerra, Culver City Historical Society, provided background on the history of historical markers in the City; discussed the placement of Historical Marker #13, the Veterans Memorial Building; she introduced members of the Historic Sites Committee; commented that the City survey was out of date; provided a description of the bronze marker for the Veterans Memorial; and she expressed hope that Commissioners would attend the event.

A discussion between the Commission and Ms. Cerra ensued regarding closure of the building from January - March 2012 for renovation; clarification that the marker does not provide protections to the building but serves to highlight its significance;; that "Veterans" is spelled without an apostrophe before the "s"; the first use of the building; and uses of the auditorium.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Review of Recommendations for the 2012 Culver City Music Festival

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, summarized the material of record.

Chair Smashey invited public participation.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Louis Fantasia, Los Angeles Doctors Orchestra, thanked the Commission for their continued support noting that the grant would support the first work by the orchestra's composer in residence.

Heidi Dotson, Culver City Public Theatre, thanked the Commission for past and continuing support.

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, thanked the City for its support; announced its concert at Veterans Auditorium on November 12; and read an except from *Listen: Life of Classical Music*.

Donna Sternberg announced a performance of Donna Sternberg and Dancers at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook on November 12 and thanked the Commission and staff for their support.

Jennifer Stevenson, The Definiens Project, discussed the organization's programming and thanked the Commission and staff for their support.

Jillian Wahlquist, needtheater, announced the theatre's upcoming production at the Ivy Substation and thanked staff for their help.

Jennifer Mulder, Vox Femina Los Angeles, thanked staff and the Commission for their support and discussed the organization's upcoming programs and outreach efforts.

Richard Posell, The Jazz Bakery, expressed appreciation for the support and discussed The Jazz Bakery's efforts to create a permanent home in Culver City.

Carl Weintraub, We Tell Stories, thanked staff and the Commission for their support; encouraged everyone to attend the company's shows; and discussed the workshops in Culver City schools.

Laura Karlin, Invertigo Dance Theatre, thanked staff and the Commission and discussed the company's programming.

Elizabeth Doran, The Actors' Gang, discussed the theatre's free Shakespeare Program in Media Park; discussed outreach and increased attendance; and she reported receipt of National Endowment for the Arts funding.

A discussion between staff and the Commission ensued regarding appreciation to the panel for their work and to the artists for their submissions; hope that the grants can continue; thanks to Sony Pictures Entertainment for its support and hard work; and gratitude to the performing arts organizations for what they accomplish with modest budgets.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERNARDIN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE 2012 PERFORMING ARTS GRANT AWARDS BE ALLOCATED AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Smashey invited public comment.

No speakers came forward and no cards were received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Items From Staff

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, reported that the Standing Public Arts Subcommittee had met twice since the last Commission meeting regarding maintenance of public art throughout the City and to review a proposal for completion of restoration work on a specific piece of public art owned by the City, with a report to come to the Commission in December. She further reported that the Ad Hoc Art in Public Places Ordinance subcommittee had met in October and would be meeting again on November 14.

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, announced that *Speak Easy* was fully booked with a webcast and possible cablecast available in the future, and she discussed publicity efforts to promote a performance by Culver City Performing Arts grant recipient Donna Sternberg and Dancers on November 12 at the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook.

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Items From Commissioners

Vice Chair Musicant had a question regarding the CultureNOW - MuseumWithoutWalls project.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, clarified that the program was primarily conceived of and worked best as a mobile application, and she discussed a number of other organizations working on similar efforts to provide mobile applications for public art program. Vice Chair Musicant proposed agendaizing a discussion of commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Culver City Public Art Program in 2013.

Commissioner Koosed suggested ongoing temporary installations to commemorate the anniversary; she discussed Urban Rangers; and she expressed interest in participating in an ad hoc subcommittee on the matter.

A discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding ways to proceed.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR MUSICANT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KOOSSED, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO AGENDIZE THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM.

Commissioner Jayne encouraged everyone to vote and asked about the IndieCade *Invaded* art pieces.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, reported that due to the weight of the *Invaded* pieces they had not been moved but the artist had performed minor maintenance and she indicated that the pieces would be removed before the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Commissioner Jayne thanked Susan Obrow and Jeremy Green for their work on the Performing Arts Grant process; she encouraged everyone to utilize their talents to help promote their upcoming events; and she thanked the organizations for their applications.

Commissioner Bernardin reported attending the Quarterly Culver City Historical Society meeting on October 19 as well as the panel discussion at The Wende Museum on past Cold War diplomatic relations which she encouraged everyone to "like" on Facebook, and she expressed excitement for the upcoming *Speak Easy*.

Commissioner Koosed discussed Pacific Standard Time and she reported traveling to Marfa, Texas an "art mecca" where she encouraged many people to come to Culver City to see the arts district.

Chair Smashey announced open rehearsals for Diavolo Dance Theater at the Music Center on November 12-13 in the plaza of the Music Center, and she received clarification that staff would suggest that the grants be placed on the City Council Consent Calendar.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:05 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 13, 2011 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

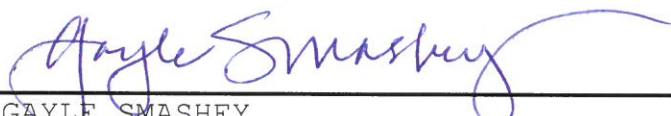
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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED

12/13/11



GAYLE SMASHEY

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

12-15-11

Date

By:



Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk

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