

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION BOARD,
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

September 21, 2011
4:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Foundation Board was called to order at 4:07 P.M.

Present: Christine Hardin, Chair
Sofia Klatzker, Vice Chair
Rena Williams Niles, Treasurer *
Arleen Chikami
Leslie Jones
Marlyn Musicant

Absent: Gayle Smashey (excused)

* Rena Williams Niles arrived at 4:08 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sofia Klatzker.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

None.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

Member Musicant received clarification that the minutes contain the most up to date information on the donation policy.

MOVED BY MEMBER CHIKAMI, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR KLATZKER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER SMASHEY) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2011 SEMI ANNUAL MEETING.

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Item C-3

Financial Statements - Fiscal-Year 2010-2011

Member Musicant received clarification regarding the estimated amount of money available at the end of the year and where the money comes from.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR KLATZKER, SECONDED BY MEMBER CHIKAMI, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER SMASHEY) TO RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND FOR JULY 1, 2011 - SEPTEMBER 16, 2011.

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Item A-1

Introduction of New Members of the Board of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Foundation

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record and introduced new Members of the Board.

Members Jones and Musicant provided background on their experience.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, reported that termed out Board Member Mercedes Paz would be recognized for her service at the October 10, 2011 City Council meeting with a commendation.

MOVED BY CHAIR HARDIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER MUSICANT, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER SMASHEY) THAT ARLEEN CHIKAMI SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION BOARD.

MOVED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS NILES, SECONDED BY MEMBER HARDIN, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER SMASHEY) THAT:

1) SOFIA KLATZKER SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION BOARD;

2) GAYLE SMASHEY SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION BOARD; AND

3) RENAE WILLIAMS NILES SERVE AS TREASURER OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION BOARD.

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Item A-2

Update Regarding Grant Opportunities for the Cultural Affairs Foundation

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

MOVED BY MEMBER MUSICANT, SECONDED BY MEMBER WILLIAMS NILES, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (ABSENT MEMBER SMASHEY) THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION BOARD AUTHORIZES STAFF'S PURSUIT OF FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR EXISTING CULTURAL PROGRAMS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION.

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Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda

Chair Chikami invited public comment.

There was no response and no cards were received.

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Items from Staff

Christine Byers Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, reported on two temporary art installations including a piece by Shannon Ebner which is displayed in conjunction with her work on view at the Hammer Museum, and the street banner project entitled *The Secret Life of Swimmers*.

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, discussed issues with Redevelopment Agency funding and alternative funding for programming through the City for events such as *Rainbow Day*, *ArtWalk*, the *Culver*

City Music Festival, and *Made in Culver City*, and she announced upcoming events including *Speak Easy* which is part of Pacific Standard Time.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, reported on the upcoming IndieCade Festival on October 8-9 and events connected with it including the temporary art exhibit *Invaded*.

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Items from Members

Responding to inquiry, Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, provided an update on the development of the expanded plaza with exterior performance space just to the west of Trader Joe's in downtown; discussed changes to the Redevelopment Agency and how this would affect arts funding; and she provided an update on Culver City's Historic Preservation Program.

A discussion ensued between staff and the Foundation Board regarding a possible outdoor amphitheatre in the City; the outdoor performance space as included in the design for Parcel B; and placement of public art at the scenic overlook above Jefferson Blvd.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, announced AB1234 and The Brown Act training in November.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:02 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Foundation Board adjourned its meeting to the next Semi-Annual Meeting to be held at 4:00 P.M. on March 21, 2012 in the Cathedral Conference Room at City Hall

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Martin Cole
CITY CLERK of the City of Culver City, California
EX-OFFICIO CLERK of the City Council, City of Culver City,
California

APPROVED _____

 4/17/12

ARLEEN CHIKAMI
CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Foundation Board

Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan