

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 17, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Dickter called the regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chair Len Dickter
Vice Chair Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin
Commissioner Tania Fleischer
Commissioner Zoltan Pali
Commissioner Brenda Williams

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator
Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Janet Hoult.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Dickter invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Dr. Janet Hoult reported serving on the Advisory Board of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Foundation; she noted her past experience with grants and reported working with Jim Clarke on grant proposals; she expressed hope that the Artist Laureate Subcommittee would be continued; she discussed her role; funding; she reported giving \$1,000 to the Culver City Historical Society for the sale of the Centennial Poetry Collection books; discussed Sister City Committee use of the books; she thanked Cultural Affairs for assistance with the

cover image; discussed National Night Out; an upcoming meeting with the three city museums regarding her identification of grant opportunities for archives; and she read a poem about the Brown Act.

Chair Dickter confirmed that the Artist Laureate subcommittee was still active.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2018

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 15, 2018 MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: DICKTER

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC - Administration of the Oath of Office to Appointed/Re-Appointed Commission Member(s)

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, administered the Oath of Office to Zoltan Pali.

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Item A-2

CAC – Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Chair Dickter expressed appreciation for being able to serve first as Vice Chair and then as Chair of the Commission, and he expressed support for having Vice Chair Wisnosky Stehlin become the new Chair of the Commission.

MOVED BY CHAIR DICKTER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PALI AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION SELECT JEANNINE WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin thanked former Chair Dickter for his service.

Commissioner Dickter nominated Commissioner Pali to serve as Vice Chair.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION SELECT ZOLTAN PALI TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

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Item A-3

CAC – (1) Dissolution of the Ad Hoc 2018 Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee; (2) Creation of the Ad Hoc 2019 Culver City Performing Arts Grants Program Subcommittee; and (3) Assignment of Commissioners to Ad Hoc and Standing Subcommittees for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, noted that the Liaison Subcommittee with the Cultural Affairs Foundation had appointed Commissioner Dickter and Chair Wisnosky Stehlin with the understanding that they serve until June 30, 2019; she read a letter from Ashley Rodgers

on behalf of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Foundation;
and she discussed procedures.

MOVED BY CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION DISSOLVE THE AD HOC 2018 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION CREATE THE AD HOC 2019 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE.

Commissioners expressed preferences regarding which subcommittees they wanted to serve on.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that the Historic Preservation Subcommittee and the Public Art Subcommittee would be meeting more regularly through the end of the year.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR PALI, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DICKTER AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION SELECT:

1. CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN AND COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER TO SERVE ON THE AD HOC ARTIST LAUREATE SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
2. COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE ON THE AD HOC 2019 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
3. CHAIR DICKTER AND VICE CHAIR PALI TO SERVE ON THE AD HOC CREATIVE ECONOMY REPORT SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
4. VICE CHAIR PALI AND COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS TO SERVE ON THE AD HOC HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM UPDATE SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
5. COMMISSIONER DICKTER AND CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE ON THE AD HOC CULVER CITY CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION LIAISON SUBCOMMITTEE; AND

6. COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND VICE CHAIR PALI TO SERVE ON THE STANDING PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin invited public participation.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Denise Cecilia Neal indicated that she wanted to show a video clip about the Manchester Bidwell Corporation.

Commissioner Dickter clarified that Ms. Neal's request related to Economic Development and that a presentation should be made to staff in Community Development.

The Commission viewed a presentation on the Manchester Bidwell Corporation.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, indicated that similar themes would be explored as part of the updated Community Cultural Plan process and the update of the 2014 Economic Development Plan.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported that the only correspondence received was the letter from Ashley Rodgers read as part of Item A-3.

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Items from Staff

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, congratulated Chair Wisnosky Stehlin and Vice Chair Pali on their new positions; thanked the Performing Arts Grant subcommittee for their

work; discussed adjustments to the recent application; reported the release of the new application on July 19 for the 25th anniversary of the program; she announced a workshop on August 9 at Veterans Memorial Building; reminded everyone of the deadline to apply by September 7; announced upcoming grant performances by Culver City Public Theatre and The Actors' Gang; reported on meetings with an acoustician regarding Veterans Memorial Auditorium; she discussed Technology Artists; rentals; and she introduced the Los Angeles County Arts Commission intern Cricket Cary Green.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, discussed scheduling upcoming subcommittee meetings; announced an upcoming discussion with Senator Ben Allen and other arts leaders at the Wende Museum on July 19; an American Planning Association tour of Culver City on July 21; and she discussed the recent Los Angeles Arts Funders tour of the new Academy Museum that is currently under construction.

Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager, provided a presentation on the Culver City Art in Public Places program; she discussed maintenance; landscaping; and she reported on the cleaning of the Town Plaza plaque.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, noted that the Town Plaza plaque was not considered public art but was cleaned in order to preserve the aesthetic of the city.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Williams reported attending a Hox Zodiac dinner, a performance at Disney Concert Hall, and a curatorial retreat; indicated that she had co-curated an exhibition, *Embracing Diversity*; reported on the recent California Spirit event for the American Cancer Society; and she indicated that she would be attending the panel discussion at the Wende Museum on July 19.

Commissioner Fleischer congratulated Chair Wisnosky Stehlin and Vice Chair Pali on their appointments; reported attending the opening of *Mutt House*, the musical at the Kirk Douglas Theatre; she discussed showcasing companies that do not have a home and providing an opportunity to

perform; upcoming Actors' Gang performances in the park; she reported that Vox Femina Femina Los Angeles had won The American Prize; and she indicated that she would be attending the upcoming event at the Wende Museum on Thursday.

Commissioner Dickter discussed the work of the Cultural Affairs Foundation and the strong team now in place; indicated that he would also attend the event on July 19; and he reported presenting the Culver City Creative Economy Report to the City of El Segundo and discussed his work there.

Vice Chair Pali reported hosting panel discussions at his offices as part of the LA Design Festival on June 8 and 10; attending *A Long Day's Journey into Night* at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, *Arrival & Departure* at The Fountain Theatre, and *Henry IV* at the Japanese Garden at the West Los Angeles VA Campus; and serving as a juror for the California Preservation Awards.

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin indicated that she would be attending the event on July 19; reported attending the Cultural Affairs Foundation retreat at the Mayme A. Clayton Library & Museum; reported on theatre performances she had attended; she congratulated Commissioners on the work done over the last year; and she thanked staff for their hard work and support.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:21 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on August 21, 2018 in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

JEANNINE WISNOSKY STEHLIN
CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
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, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Green
CITY CLERK

Date