

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Dickter called meeting of the Cultural Affairs
Commission to order at 7:12 P.M.

Present: Chair Len Dickter
Vice Chair Rich Cherry
Commissioner John B. Williams
Commissioner Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin

Absent: Commissioner Zoltan Pali

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Rich Cherry.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Dickter invited public comment.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, read written
comments submitted by:

Dr. Janet Holt

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WISNOSKY STEHLIN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: PALI

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC, Subcommittee - Consideration of (1) a Recommendation from the Ad Hoc 2017 Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee and (2) a Recommendation to the City Council Related to the 2017 Performing Arts Grant Program Awards

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record, including a list of the grant candidates, and she thanked staff and subcommittee members for their work on the item.

Chair Dickter invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Dr. Deon Nielsen Price, National Association of Composers/USA, provided a history of the Music in the Chambers series and her involvement in it; spoke of her

ongoing work on City-themed compositions; and she expressed excitement towards being in the program.

Terry Pincus, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, was pleased to be considered for the grant; thanked Culver City, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and the Commission; and she invited everyone to the Winter Season's opening performance at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Arlene Cardenes, Culver City Chamber Orchestra, announced the upcoming celebration of their 20th year in Culver City; thanked the Commissioners and all that are involved for the award; and she announced the upcoming performance at the Kirk Douglas Theatre, featuring alumni of Culver City's music program in the 1970s.

Jeff Gauthier, Jazz Bakery, thanked the Commission; announced an upcoming performance at the Kirk Douglas Theatre including a workshop with Culver City High School's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts students; reported on their upcoming 25th anniversary; and he discussed progress on the campaign to raise funds for the Jazz Bakery Performance Space.

Angus MacDonald, Monarch Theatre Guild, discussed the group's socially-relevant focus; thanked the Commission for the grant; announced that grant money would be used to rent rehearsal and performance space from the City as well as produce the event; and he described the planned performance.

Allegra Padilla, Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre, discussed the proposed grant-funded performance; she explained the environmental aspect of the performance; announced another piece in the works to be held at the Helms Bakery Complex; and she thanked everyone for their generosity.

Caron Eule, Artistic Director, C. Eule Dance, discussed the proposed performance that would pay tribute to the City's Centennial; and she thanked the Commission for its consideration.

Sky Palkowitz, Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival, discussed their annual festival, held in late March; the focus of the organization; indicated that the grant money would fund production of a performance at the Actor's Gang;

invited interested parties to their monthly get together; and she thanked everyone for including them in the program again.

Carl Weintraub, We Tell Stories, thanked everyone for their ongoing support and he discussed the importance of their program to children of all ages.

Lowell Crystal, Allegro Music Foundation, Westside Youth Orchestra, expressed gratitude for the grant; provided a history of the Westside Youth Orchestra; announced an upcoming performance; and noted the Orchestra was comprised of children from 9 to 17 years old.

Laura Boccaletti, Culver City Public Theatre, expressed gratitude for being part of the Culver City Art Community; announced their 19th season of free theater at Carlson Park; reviewed details of upcoming performances and the play-writing contest; and she thanked the Commission for its consideration.

Daniel Corral, the Society for the Activation of Social Space through Art and Sound, announced their 6th year of musical performances at Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook with support from the City's grant and Sony Pictures Entertainment; reviewed previous performers and announced the upcoming artists; and thanked the Commission for its continued support.

Karen Schetina, Benita Bike's Dance Art, praised the local Art community; thanked the Commission for its past support and current consideration; and she reviewed their mission of an educational experience featuring modern dance.

Discussion ensued between Commissioners regarding congratulations and praise for the participating grant recipients and the art they bring to the community; and appreciation to staff for their help throughout the process.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WISNOSKY STEHLIN THAT THE CULVER CITY CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AD HOC 2017 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE, RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT 2017

PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AWARDS BE ALLOCATED AS
OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: PALI

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Item A-2

CAC - 1) Create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee Focused on the Potential Reorganization of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Foundation; and, 2) Appoint two Commissioners to that Subcommittee

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record

Discussion ensued between staff and the Commissioners including a review of the history of the item; a request from Commissioner Wisnosky Stehlin to be appointed to the subcommittee; whether the appointments should be put off until the full Commission is present; Commissioner Pali's awareness that the appointments could be held in his absence; the appointments as time-sensitive; Chair Dickter's willingness to serve on the subcommittee; and clarification regarding potential Brown Act conflicts.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR CHERRY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: CREATE AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO FOCUS ON REVISING THE STRUCTURE OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF REVISED BYLAWS AND A DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY, AND APPOINT CHAIR DICKTER AND COMMISSIONER WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE ON THAT SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: CHERRY, DICKTER, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: PALI

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Receipt of Correspondence

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Dickter invited public input.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Items From Staff

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, announced they were in the contract phase of the stage improvements at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported multiple action items for consideration on the December 13, 2016 Special Meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission, with the Cultural Affairs Foundation meeting scheduled for December 14, 2016.

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Items from Commissioners

Chair Dickter recognized Simon Hanna from the Actors' Gang for stepping in to lead the Culver City Centennial Celebration Subcommittee and noted that the next Cultural Affairs Commission meeting would be held on December 13.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:02 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 13, 2016 in the Cathedral Room of City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

LEN DICKTER

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
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Date