

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

August 11, 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 Marla Koosed
Commissioner Clement Hanami
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Marlyn Musicant
Commissioner Gayle Smashey

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Weidher.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

None.

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**Consent Calendar
Agenda Posting**

Item C-1

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
JAYNE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 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 SMASHEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
JAYNE, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
THE JULY 14, 2009 REGULAR MEETING.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of a Public Art Concept by Sean So for 3840 Watseka Avenue

Cosimo Pizzulli, architect, thanked the Commission for their consideration and indicated that he was available to answer any questions.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record.

Discussion between the staff, the Commission and the artist included: clarification that other city fountains do not run 24 hours a day for conservation reasons; water as a key element of the piece; and annual costs to run the fountain.

Sean So, artist, provided samples of the copper and the original patterns of the five sections.

Further discussion included: lighting of the fountain; distance from the sculpture to the front of the building; other locations for the piece; filtering and the type of water used in the system; required maintenance; subcommittee comments; a suggestion to make the piece more dynamic and emphasize textures; acknowledgement of working within specific parameters; concerns with visibility; acknowledgement that the piece fulfills the requirements but concern that other suggested options were not explored; an observation that a similar piece exists in the City collection; concern that the piece would not be open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; preference for a site-specific work; and concern that there was a lost opportunity to provide something special.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MUSICANT TO APPROVE THE ART WORK CONCEPT BY SEAN SO AS FULFILLING THE CULVER CITY ART IN THE PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 3840 WATSEKA AVENUE. THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: HANAMI, JAYNE, SMASHEY
NOES: KOOSSED, MUSICANT

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Item A-2

Provide comments to staff on the Certificate of Appropriateness application for awnings and signage for Room & Board at 8707 Washington Blvd.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record noting that staff had provided two separate notifications.

Discussion between staff and the Commission included: concern with covering the historic "Daily at Your Door" sign; concern that the new Room & Board lighted sign may be incongruous with building and site; reconsideration of the awning over the main entry; and concern that the new sign would compete with the historic signs.

Landlord Walter N. Marks Inc. President, Walter Marks III, cited examples of other newer lighted signs in the immediate area.

Further discussion included: support for the illuminated signage; clarification regarding the signage keynotes and the use of reverse channels; and positioning of the sign.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE COMMENTS.

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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, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, announced the *Culver City Music Festival* on Thursday nights through September 3; reported on a recent meeting of the Festivals and Events subcommittee; reported on the progress of the Performing Arts Grant Program process and thanked the Grants and Artists Services subcommittee; and announced *Made in Culver City* on September 12 in the City Hall Courtyard.

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, reported on the progress of the repairs to Ed Carpenter's *Hanging Garden*.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Jayne announced *Fiesta La Ballona* on August 28-30.

Commissioner Smashey received confirmation that the Cultural Affairs Commission would not be meeting in September.

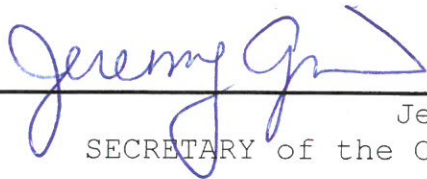
Chair Koosed thanked staff for their diligent work; she was pleased with the Kirk Douglas Theatre programming; and she reminded residents to participate in the Actors' Gang performances in Media Park on weekends through the end of August.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:06 p.m., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on October 13, 2009 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Jeremy Green
SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED November 10, 2009



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Marla Koosed
CHAIR of the 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

12-17-09

Date

By:



Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk

Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan

