

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

August 12, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called
to order at 7:03 P.M.

Present: Chair Gayle Smashey
Vice Chair Marla Koosed
Commissioner Clement Hanami
Commissioner Ronnie Jayne
Commissioner Luther Henderson

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Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Performing Arts and
Special Events Coordinator Susan Obrow.

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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 Vice Chair Koosed, seconded by Commissioner
Henderson, and unanimously passed to receive and file the
Secretary's Report on the Posting of the Agenda.

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Meeting Minutes

Item C-2

Commissioner Henderson questioned whether the Chair and Vice Chair were elected or appointed.

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Christine Byers indicated that staff would investigate and make any appropriate corrections.

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Commissioner Hanami, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of July 8, 2008.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Section 15.05 et seq. Regarding the Historic Preservation Program

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers presented highlights of the material of record, noting that language pertaining to the requirement to display a plaque on "Landmark" and "Significant" designated properties would also be included.

Staff and Commission discussion included: sub-committee input; extensive research by staff; Huntington Park's model ordinance; enforcement and penalties for non-compliance; potential discrepancies in the time frame for compliance; the role of the Cultural Affairs Commission; clarification on the Mills Act; the lack of a City Attorney's presence at the meeting; unanswered legal questions; the National Historic Preservation Act; the entitlement process; the definition of "reasonable rate of return"; creating a policy statement to identify types of submittal materials; economic hardship; and obtaining other comments before the draft is complete.

Commissioner Henderson moved to ask staff to return with a further revised draft ordinance for the September 9, 2008 meeting. Vice Chair Koosed seconded the motion.

Commissioner Jayne requested additional detail about the Mills Act within the staff report for the September 9, 2008 Cultural Affairs Commission meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Item A-2

Discussion Regarding the Establishment of an Advisory Committee for the Citywide Historic Resources Inventory Update and Recommendation to the Culver City Council and Culver City Redevelopment Agency

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

Staff and the Commission discussed: the Commission's role in the process; composition of the committee; length of time the Committee would exist; significant junctures; a suggested change to wording to indicate "preferring persons who have a background in design, urban planning or preservation"; and a request that the Cultural Affairs Commission review the proposed slate of names prior to City Council/Redevelopment Agency appointment.

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and unanimously passed to recommend that the Culver City Council and Culver City Redevelopment Agency authorize staff to proceed with the compilation of a list of names for the Advisory Committee and return to the Cultural Affairs Commission for review and recommendation.

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Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Renato Romano distributed materials to the Commission and proposed a Green Days Event in Culver City with the Education Foundation involved.

Amber Scott, Marketing Director for Global Green Enterprises, pointed out that the City was working to change building standards in the City and the goal of her company was to help the community understand the importance of the changes by introducing companies that benefit the community. She indicated that they would like to host the Green Days event at the high school to introduce green innovators.

Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow offered to connect Ms. Scott with the City's sustainability team via email.

Commissioner Henderson thanked Mr. Romano for attending the meeting and presenting the opportunity to the City.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Staff

Administration and Special Projects Coordinator Jeremy Green provided an update on the Cultural Affairs Foundation noting that the Foundation had received official designation as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and a charity.

Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator Obrow reported on: the Culver City Music Festival; the performing arts grants performances; a Grants and Artists sub-committee meeting; the California Cultural Data project; *Made in Culver City* on September 6; and she announced the next meeting of the Festivals and Events sub-committee.

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers reported on: the progress of the repair of Ed Carpenter's *Hanging Garden*; maintenance efforts on *The Lion's Fountain* and the Harry Culver sculpture; and she provided an update on the public art brochure.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Henderson received clarification that the Council/Commission sub-committee would meet in October.

Commissioner Jayne announced Fiesta La Ballona on August 22-24 and she outlined the proposed schedule of events and publicity efforts for the event.

Vice Chair Koosed suggested that staff prepare posters to explain to the public about the maintenance efforts on Ed Carpenter's *Hanging Garden*. She also asked about the status of the Culver City Music Festival sub-committee and expressed dismay at the delay since this issue was first raised in May; Ms. Koosed was pleased that the Foundation was now officially a 501(c)(3).

Chair Smashey reported that difficulty parking had precluded her from attending the Culver City Music Festival last week. She also indicated that the Cultural Affairs Foundation Board had met on July 29, they were working on a logo, and had retained the services of an attorney specializing in non-profit organizations.

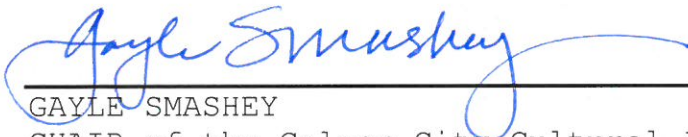
Commissioner Hanami thanked Julie Lugo Cerra for taking Commissioners on a historic tour of the City.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:44 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on September 9, 2008 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan