

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: February 27, 2006		Item Number: C-7	
AGENDA ITEM: Receive and File Updated Accomplishments for 2005 to the Adopted Community Cultural Plan			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (02/22/06); Cultural Affairs Commission (02/22/06)			
Department Approval: Susan Evans (02/15/06)		CAO Approval: Martin Cole for Jerry B. Fulwood (2/21/06)	
City Controller Approval: N/A			
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council receive and file the updated accomplishments for calendar year 2005 to the Short and Long Term Outcomes of the adopted Community Cultural Plan. <u>BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:</u> Staff updated the accomplishments for calendar year 2005 to the Short and Long-Term Goals of the adopted Community Cultural Plan ("The Plan"). The Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) considered these updates at its regular meeting on December 13, 2005 and directed staff to forward a revised copy of The Plan to the City Council. As suggested by the CAC during discussion of this item, the most recent accomplishments are noted in <i>blue</i> on the Action Plan (beginning on p. 13 of the attached) to help distinguish them more easily from accomplishments of earlier years. Also, beginning with 2005, The Plan will have the accomplishments for each year summarized separately and inserted into the document between the Timeline and the Action Plan. For calendar year 2005, updates to accomplishments include: ▪ Planning and facilitation for the opening of the Pan African Film Festival in February 2005;			

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- Completion of the 4th Music in the Chambers series in the spring of 2005 and completion of the program development for the 2006 Music in the Chambers series;
- Facilitating the establishment of Tim Robbins' The Actors' Gang at the Ivy Substation as Culver City's second nationally-recognized resident theatre company;
- Completion of the 11th annual Summer Sunset Music Festival (SSMF) in 2005 and program development for the 12th SSMF in 2006;
- Implementation of Art in the Plaza events in Town Plaza in July, August and September 2005;
- Continued summer intern program participation (in collaboration with the Getty Foundation and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission) and development of new partnerships with the USC Theatre and Public Art Studies Programs for interns during the fall, winter and spring months;
- Completion of *The Lion's Fountain* in Town Plaza and implementation of a community/children's event in September 2005;
- Implementing the 2006 Performing Arts Grant Program with cash grant awards of \$32,000 to nine performing arts organizations serving the Culver City community;
- Further streamlining the annual Performing Arts Grant Program to include concise scoring sheets and better defined review panel process;
- Developing a stronger relationship with Culver City resident theatre companies and providing better communication and assistance with marketing, fundraising, and facility code and maintenance requirements;
- Identifying new permanent performing arts spaces for use by the recipients of the City's performing arts grants as well as for use by theatre companies choosing to serve the Culver City community;
- Planning and presentation of a free performance in November 2005 by Grammy-nominated John Santos and his Latin Jazz Quartet;
- Development of an art walk – to be implemented in the spring of 2006 – to highlight exhibit spaces and art galleries located near the intersection of Washington and La Cienega Boulevards;

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- Development of short and long-range planning concepts for public art and cultural programming along Washington Boulevard (west of the 405 Fwy.);
- Coordination with private property owners and artists for approval of public art for new development and tenant improvements at Symantec, Echo Horizon School, Veterinary Properties, and Park Century School;
- Implementation of first architecture review panel for *Architecture as Art* concepts at 8601 Washington Boulevard and 3505 Hayden Avenue;
- Fabrication of the Harry Culver sculpture for Town Plaza (to be completed March 2006);
- Installation of historic designation plaques on “Landmark” and “Significant” buildings in Culver City;
- Expanded information about historic preservation on City web site;
- May 2005 proclaimed Historic Preservation Month;
- Completion of an inventory of public art on private and City owned property which includes a description of the artwork and images to be made available on City’s web site;
- Completion of Utility Box art program in and adjacent to Town Plaza (wrapping of control box for *The Lion’s Fountain* and utility box adjacent to Kirk Douglas Theatre completed October 2005);
- Installation of plaques in Town Plaza and downtown paseo explaining history of zoetrope and relationship to Culver City’s film studio history;
- Implementation of contracts for routine maintenance of five pieces of City-owned public art (*La Ballona*, *Path of Life*, *Film Strip*, *Cougar I and II*, *The Lion’s Fountain*); and,
- Establishing a working relationship with The [United States] President’s Committee on the Arts and the Humanities (PCAH) and submitting a Culver City-related event proposal to the PCAH for its spring 2006 meeting.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

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There is no fiscal impact attached to this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Adopted Community Cultural Plan with Updated Accomplishments for 2005;

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Receive and file the updated Community Cultural Plan with Updates for Calendar Year 2005.