

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

November 13, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called
to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Benita Bike.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

None.

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Item C-1

**Consent Calendar
Agenda Posting**

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

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Item C-2

**Consent Calendar
Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair Smashey indicated that she preferred to be referred to as such rather than as Commissioner Smashey.

Moved by Commissioner Jayne, seconded by Commissioner Koosed, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of October 9, 2007 Regular Meeting.

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Item A-1

Action Items

Consideration of 2008 Performing Arts Grant Awards as Recommended by the Cultural Affairs Commission Grants and Artist Services Subcommittee

Performing Arts Coordinator and Special Events Producer Obrow presented a summary of the material of record.

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, described some of their events and he thanked the Commission for their consideration.

Dean Edward, Culver City Public Theatre, thanked the Commission for their consideration.

Cheolseung Kim, Three Chairs Theatre Company, provided a brief history of the company, thanked the Commission for their support and asked for feedback on their grant application.

Performing Arts Coordinator and Special Events Producer Obrow indicated that the Three Chairs Theatre Company had been provided feedback and she offered to discuss it further with them.

Arlene Cardenes, Culver City Chamber Orchestra, thanked the Commission for their consideration.

Carter Dewberry, Definiens Project, was pleased to see that there would be marketing support for grant recipients.

Commissioner Jayne described the process the grant committee undertakes when considering grants and she noted the importance of providing current information. She indicated that diversification of funding and outreach was part of their criteria and she stated that they were working to increase visibility for the grant recipients.

Chair Henderson discussed the make-up of the panel, noting that they had worked to make the process as objective, fair and positive as possible. He announced the Town Hall meeting on January 8, 2008 to allow residents to provide feedback on what they would like to see.

Commissioners thanked staff, the applicants, the CAC's Grant and Artist Services sub-committee, and the review panel for their participation in the process.

Chair Henderson commented that positive word-of-mouth helped ensure that the program would be able to continue.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR SMASHEY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANAMI TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT GRANT AWARDS BE ALLOCATED AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow announced that the City Council would make the final decision on awards at the meeting of December 10, 2007.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

None.

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Receipt of Correspondence

None.

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Items From Staff

Performing Arts Coordinator and Special Events Producer Obrow introduced new Cultural Affairs employee Jeremy Green.

Performing Arts Coordinator and Special Events Producer Obrow announced that on November 14, the Los Angeles County Arts Commission would present a workshop on the California Cultural Data Project at the Ivy Substation. She also noted that the Culver City Unified School District had a District Community Arts Team meeting to discuss how schools are affected by the "Arts for All" program.

Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers reported that the public art component of the Symantec site was almost complete; the updated Cultural Affairs page of the new City website would be presented to the City Council on November 14; a joint meeting with the City Council would be held on November 19; Kyungmi Shin has completed the design for the second phase of the Washington Boulevard banner project; efforts were still underway to schedule the Cultural Affairs Foundation Board meeting; the CAC's Public Art sub-committee was scheduled to meet November 28; she provided the current balance of the Art Fund; and, she updated the Commission on the status of the Ed Carpenter supporting framework repair.

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Items From Commissioners

Vice Chair Smashey reported a positive mention of the Culver City Art District and Royal Tea in W Magazine.

Commissioner Jayne welcomed new staff member Jeremy Green and she congratulated potential performing art grantees.

Commissioner Koosed reported attending the opening event for Royal Tea.

Chair Henderson thanked staff for their hard work and he welcomed Jeremy Green. He wanted to see a comprehensive overview of maintenance issues relating to public art and he was pleased that the Foundation Board would be meeting as he felt that provided another vehicle to generate revenue through grants to enable expansion of Cultural Affairs work in the City.

Chair Henderson asked Commissioners and staff to spread the word about the Town Hall meeting scheduled for January in order to get more input from the community.

Responding to Chair Henderson, Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow indicated that staff was researching a date for the next ARTWALK Culver City and would be meeting with MOCA and the art galleries. She stated that ARTWALK was always evolving and staff was interested in incorporating all artists in Cultural Affairs programming.

Chair Henderson asked for an update regarding an RFP for the Culver City Music Festival. Special Events Producer and Performing Arts Coordinator Obrow indicated that an internal review was still underway.

Responding to Chair Henderson, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator Byers explained that due to the specialized nature of the Ed Carpenter project they were not required to get three different bids but staff was working to gather as much information as possible.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:58 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to an Adjourned Regular meeting with the City Council to be held at 5:30 P.M. on November 19, 2007 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

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Kristi Callan
Minutes Reporter

APPROVED _____

LUTHER HENDERSON
CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

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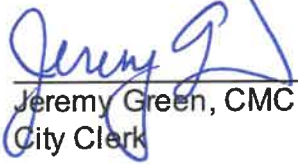
I, Jeremy Green, being the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Culver City, California hereby depose and declare

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