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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Cultural Affairs Commission will listen to the public on any item on the agenda or item of interest that is not on the agenda. The Cultural Affairs Commission cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future agenda.

If you wish to speak to the Commission, please complete a Speaker's Card and present it to the Secretary before the agenda item is called. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to speak to the Commission.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Persons wishing to speak on agenda items will be called at the time the agenda item is brought forward. Comments will generally be limited to five minutes per speaker; however, a three-minute limit may be declared by the Chair from time to time for agenda items for which many Speaker Cards have been submitted.

NOTE: AT OR ABOUT 11:00 P.M., COMMISSIONERS WILL DETERMINE WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH DISCUSSION OF REMAINING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR TO CARRY SOME/ALL OF THE ITEMS OVER TO A FUTURE MEETING DATE.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

A total of twenty minutes shall be devoted to audience participation at the beginning of the agenda. Speakers will be called on in the order cards were received by the Secretary. If additional time is needed, the Chair will allow for some at the end of the agenda.

When the Secretary calls your name, please advance to the podium, state your name and city of residence. Speakers must limit their comments to five minutes in length. A three-minute time limit may be declared by the Chair if there are a large number of individuals desiring to address the Commission.

### **CELL PHONES AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS**

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### **MEETING INFORMATION**

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## **AGENDA**

### **Cultural Affairs Commission**

September 13, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Mike Balkman Council Chambers - Meeting

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:**

**Chair Ronnie Jayne**  
**Vice Chair Susan Deen**  
**Commissioner Clement Hanami**  
**Commissioner Luther Henderson**  
**Commissioner Gayle Smashey**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – Items Not On the Agenda**

**CONSENT CALENDAR** *Note: Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine in nature and may be approved by one motion. Public requests to discuss Consent Calendar items must be filed with the Secretary before the Consent Calendar is called.*

**C-1.** Receive and file Secretary's Report on Posting of Agenda. ***Approve report.***

**ACTION ITEM** *Public requests to discuss Action Items must be filed with the Secretary before the item is called.*

**A-1.** Consideration of Public Art Concept for Park Century School at 3939 Landmark Street.  
*Approve recommendation.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT - Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)**

**RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

**ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**ADJOURN**

**Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting  
Mike Balkman Council Chambers  
October 11, 2005  
7:00 PM**

**Upcoming Public Meeting Tentative Schedule –September 2005**

| Date                                                             | Day       | Time   | Location           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| <b><i>City Council</i></b>                                       |           |        |                    |
| September - 12                                                   | Monday    | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| September - 15                                                   | Thursday  | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| September - 19                                                   | Monday    | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| September - 22                                                   | Thursday  | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| September - 26                                                   | Monday    | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| <b><i>Redevelopment Agency</i></b>                               |           |        |                    |
| September - 19                                                   | Monday    | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| <b><i>Cultural Affairs Commission</i></b>                        |           |        |                    |
| September - 13                                                   | Tuesday   | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| <b><i>Parks Recreation and Community Services Commission</i></b> |           |        |                    |
| September - 20                                                   | Tuesday   | 7:00PM | Veteran's Memorial |
| <b><i>Planning Commission</i></b>                                |           |        |                    |
| September - 14                                                   | Wednesday | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |
| September - 28                                                   | Wednesday | 7:00PM | Council Chambers   |

- Times and dates may be changed
- Meetings may be added or changed

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| Meeting Date: September 13, 2005                                                                                            |  | Item Number: <u>A-1</u>                                                |                                                  |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Public Art Concept for Park Century School at 3939 Landmark Street</b>                   |  |                                                                        |                                                  |
| Contact Person/Dept.: Christine Byers/<br>Community Development                                                             |  | Phone Number: (310) 253-5776                                           |                                                  |
| Fiscal Impact: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                          |  | General Fund: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |                                                  |
| Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                    |  | Action Item: <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Attachments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Notification: Master Notification List; Property Owners/Residents within 300' Radius (08/30/05); Park Century School |  |                                                                        |                                                  |
| Department Approval: Susan Evans                                                                                            |  | CAO Approval: N/A                                                      |                                                  |
| City Controller Approval: N/A                                                                                               |  |                                                                        |                                                  |

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Cultural Affairs Commission approve the proposed art concept by Christopher Ward and Frank Gehry as fulfilling Park Century School's public art requirement for tenant improvements at 3939 Landmark Street.

**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to Section 15.06.115 of the Culver City Municipal Code, all tenant improvement (remodeling) projects exceeding \$250,000 in valuation are required to comply with the City's Art in Public Places Program. Park Century School is both the new property owner and tenant at 3939 Landmark Street. The proposed tenant improvements for the existing site are estimated at \$3.9 million. Once construction is completed, the school will occupy approximately 44,000 sq ft. of space. Based upon the estimated valuation as included in the completed Art in Public Places Application Form (attached), the minimum 1% for public art is \$39,000. The actual valuation of this project and the associated percent for public art will be determined by the City's Building Official upon issuance of a Building Permit.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff first met with the applicant in the fall of 2004 to discuss the City's Art in Public Places program requirements and process. At that time, Park Century School had already commissioned Christopher Ward and Frank Gehry to design an entry loggia

with a glass curtain wall with glass sculptures depicting trees and stars. The applicant inquired as to whether the loggia itself would qualify under the Public Art Program's "Architecture as Art" criteria. Staff advised the applicant that the loggia would not likely qualify under Architecture as Art pursuant to Section 15.06.160 (B) of the City's Municipal Code. Staff felt that the loggia alone did not represent the desired level of conceptual complexity or cultural significance as intended by the Architecture as Art criteria outlined in the Municipal Code. However, staff did advise the applicant that the loggia and glass curtain wall, together with the glass sculptures, would qualify as a viable public art application and that the three components should be considered as part of a single design concept. (The reasoning behind this is that the loggia and glass curtain wall are visually inextricably linked to the individual glass sculptures.)

The applicant's final art concept (attached) comprises a new loggia enclosed with a glass curtain wall at the north side of the building. This will also be the main entry to the school. The glass curtain wall will be fixed with four 18' glass sculptures in the shape of trees. Stars made of yellow glass will float directly above the main doorway leading into the loggia and the school. The tree and star sculptures will be mounted to the exterior of the glass curtain wall.

Although the motif for the artwork is inspired by Park Century School's logo and mission, the images (trees and stars) are universal and designed to blend in with the overall landscape setting. The applicant intends to light the loggia at night in such a manner so that the glass sculptures will be subtly back-lit but easily visible in the dark.

The loggia, glass curtain wall and glass sculptures have been included in Park Century School's recently approved entitlements as submitted through the City's Planning Division. The applicant does not anticipate changes to the art design for either structural or safety considerations prior to issuance of a Building Permit.

On August 11, 2005, staff reviewed the applicant's proposal with the Cultural Affairs Commission's Public Art sub-committee. The sub-committee concurred with staff that the loggia, glass curtain wall and glass sculptures will significantly improve the north façade of the building and meet all the basic requirements of the Art in Public Places Ordinance (Section 15.06.100 et seq. of the City's Municipal Code). The CAC Public Art sub-committee supported this concept as fulfilling Park Century School's public art requirement for tenant improvements at 3939 Landmark Street.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The cost for design, fabrication and installation for the loggia, glass curtain wall, glass trees and stars is \$247,380. The responsibility for future maintenance and costs associated with maintenance are borne by the property owner pursuant to Section 15.06.145 of the City's Municipal Code.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Art in Public Places Application Form submitted March 8, 2005; and,
2. Applicant's submission package with narrative, resumes, preliminary cost estimates, color images, and site plan.

**MOTION:**

That the Cultural Affairs Commission:

Approve Christopher Ward's and Frank Gehry's design concept for a loggia, glass curtain wall and glass sculptures as fulfilling Park Century School's public art requirement for tenant improvements at 3939 Landmark Street.