

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

November 10, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Present: Chair Marla Koosed
Vice Chair 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 Matthew Hetz of the Culver City Symphony Orchestra.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda

Bob Wayne, Sunburst Recording, proposed opening up the Town Plaza to street musicians in a manner similar to what is done in Santa Monica with acoustic or minimally amplified music.

Discussion between the speaker and the Commission included: funding for the project; procedures; making the Town Plaza a destination; a suggested trial period; City monitoring; appropriate content; City policies for Town Plaza; a similar popular program in New York City; and a suggestion to create a formal proposal.

Inez Bush, Culver City Unified School District Arts Coordinator and Co-Chair of the District Community Arts Team, discussed: current programs; integrating arts into the core curriculum; quality arts education; and the arts advocacy initiative.

Jeremy Green, Cultural Affairs Administration and Special Projects Coordinator, read correspondence accompanying handouts to the Commission from Julie Lugo Cerra.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Item C-1

Agenda Posting

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

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Item C-2

Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANAMI, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2009 REGULAR MEETING.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of 2010 Performing Arts Grant Awards as Recommended by the Cultural Affairs Commission Grants and Artist Services Subcommittee

Matthew Hetz, Culver City Symphony Orchestra, expressed appreciation for the grant and improvements to the online application process, and he discussed the flexibility of the Orchestra and past performances.

Carl Weintraub, We Tell Stories, thanked the City for its support and discussed a new consortium of theatre groups creating theatre curriculum for the schools.

Arlene Cardenas, Culver City Chamber Orchestra, thanked the City for its support; spoke of past events and announced upcoming events; and she read a letter from a flutist in the Orchestra.

Joan Potter, Vox Femina, thanked the City and the Commission for their support.

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, provided a summary of the material of record.

The Commission and staff discussed: the limited budget and difficult decisions; thanks to staff and peer panel participants; deadlines; comments and feedback; and appreciation to the arts organizations for applying.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SMASHEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT 2010 PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS AWARDS BE ALLOCATED AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

Staff and the Commission discussed next steps in the process.

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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

Christine Byers, Public Art and Historic Preservation Coordinator, reported on recent events and installations, and she noted an article in the New York Times on November 8 that used an image from the City's public art collection.

Susan Obrow, Performing Arts and Special Events Coordinator, thanked the Grants and Artist Services subcommittee as well as Jeremy Green and the Festivals and Events Subcommittee, and she invited everyone to attend *Speak Easy* on December 10 at the Culver Events Center.

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Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Musicant thanked Susan Obrow for her hard work on *Speak Easy* and she encouraged everyone to attend; she thanked Westfield staff for a well-organized event; and she reported attending *Eclipsed* at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

Commissioner Smashey congratulated Vice Chair Hanami on his design of art at a Metro Gold Line extension station and she indicated that anyone could ride for free on opening day, November 8.

Vice Chair Hanami reported that he had designed the artwork at the Civic Center station in East Los Angeles.

Chair Koosed congratulated Westfield Culver City on its grand opening and its public art work; she thanked the Grants and Artist Services subcommittee for its work on the performing arts grants; she reminded everyone about the *WTF Festival* at the Actors' Gang through December 19, 2009; and she congratulated staff on *Made in Culver City* and on completion of the *Hanging Garden* restoration.

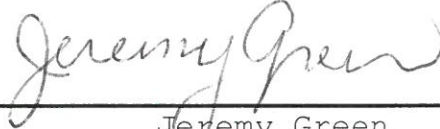
Commissioner Smashey encouraged everyone to attend the *WTF Festival* on November 18 for a showing of *The Wizard of Oz* accompanied by the music of Pink Floyd.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:07 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned its meeting to a Regular Meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 8, 2009 in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

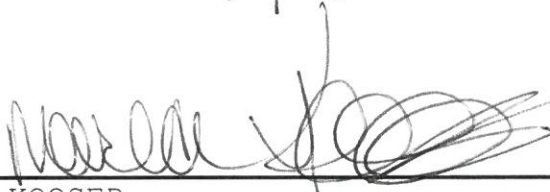
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Jeremy Green
SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

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12/9/09



MARLA KOUSED
CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
City of Culver City, California

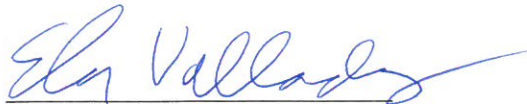
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Martin R. Cole
CITY CLERK

Date

12-17-09

By:



Ela Valladares
Deputy City Clerk

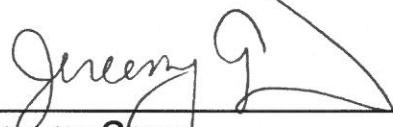
Minutes Preparation: Kristi Callan

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On Monday, November 2, 2009 at 5:00 PM, the agenda for the Tuesday, November 10, 2009, Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission was posted in the bulletin display case outside the Council Chambers at City Hall.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 2nd day of November, in Culver City, California.



Jeremy Green
Management Analyst

