

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Report of Activities for City Council July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

NOTE: This summary report reflects the work of the Cultural Affairs Commission and its subcommittees. It is not meant as a comprehensive update of the Cultural Affairs Division as pertains to the City Council adopted annual workplan and budget.

CCMC § 3.03.200 POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Cultural Affairs Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to the enrichment of the community through fine arts, visual arts, performing arts, arts education, historic preservation and cultural issues;
- B. Serve as an advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion in cultural activities and programs within the City;
- C. Implement the City's Public Art Program, and encourage the integration of cultural affairs into the social and economic fabric of the City to improve the quality of life for City residents; and
- D. Perform such other duties, not inconsistent with the City Charter or this Code, as maybe prescribed by ordinance, resolution, City Council policy or other City Council action.

Completed:

- 1. **General Plan Update (GPU):** Provided guidance and comments on the Arts, Culture and Creative Economy Policy Framework which will inform the Cultural Element of the GPU.
- 2. **Culver City Arts Foundation (Culver Arts):** Liaised and supported Culver Arts in their activities and reviewed two quarterly reports and the Foundation's FY 2021-2022 Annual Plan per requirements of the MOU between Culver Arts and the City.
- 3. **Revitalization of Media Park:** Received a presentation from Economic Development staff and consultant on two conceptual plans for Media Park that included cultural elements. Provided feedback regarding the overall design and individual components and the impact on the Ivy Substation and The Actors' Gang.
- 4. **Performing Arts Grant Program:** Reviewed 2022 Grant Guidelines and Notice of Funding Availability and grant applications from 24 organizations. Determined appropriate levels of grant funding and made recommendations to the City Council.
- 5. **Washington/National TOD Gateway Public Art:** CAC Public Art Subcommittee participated in a review of six art concepts for the open green space and selected one finalist artist and concept for further development.

In Progress / On-Going (Listed in Order of Council Adopted Workplan for Cultural Affairs):

1. **Economic Recovery Task Force and Virtual Performance Center:** CAC members continue to participate in ERTF meetings and review applications for the Virtual Performance Center.
2. **Art in Public Places Program:** Continue review of applications for new artworks in conjunction with private development and inspections of installed artworks for conformance with approved concepts. Public Art Subcommittee will continue work on Washington/National TOD project and updates to CCMC Section 15.06 et seq.
3. **Marketing and Outreach:** As appropriate, CAC participates in outreach about various programs.
4. **Historic Preservation Program:** Program updates as included in the CCMC.
5. **Performing Arts Grant Program:** Performing Arts Grant Subcommittee coordinates with staff on supporting grant funded performances.
6. **Artist Laureate Program:** Provides on-going support and input as necessary for current Artist Laureate Alexey Steele and will inform program guidelines and search for new Artist Laureate in Spring/Summer 2022.
7. **General Plan Update:** CAC will provide feedback on relevant GPU elements as they are completed and presented for review.
8. **Culver City Arts Foundation:** Continue to liaise and support Culver Arts.
9. **Creative Economy:** Subcommittee will continue to work with Cultural Affairs and Economic Development staff on future stakeholder meetings.