

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: XXX XX, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor _____ and Members of the City Council of The City of Culver City

FROM: Chair _____ and Members of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission

SUBJECT: **2022 Accomplishments and Activities Plan**

CC: John Nachbar, City Manager
Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager

On July 19, 2022, the Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) approved the transmittal of the following information to the City Council:

Cultural Affairs Commission Accomplishments (January 1 – June 30, 2022):

- **Art in Public Places Program:** Reviewed applications for new artworks in conjunction with private development and inspections of installed artworks for conformance with approved concepts. Public Art Subcommittee continued work on Washington/National TOD project.
- **Artist Laureate Program:** Received update from current Artist Laureate Alexey Steele about recent projects and community activities, including “Love My Neighbor” virtual drawing sessions on Facebook.
- **Creative Economy:** Subcommittee met with Economic Development staff on future creative economy stakeholder meetings
- **Cultural Affairs Division Work Plan:** Received update from staff about current fiscal year work plan and status of ongoing projects. Reviewed proposed work plan for next fiscal year.
- **Culver City Arts Foundation (Culver Arts):** Reviewed two quarterly reports from Culver Arts and discussed reconciliation of loan. Made recommendation to City Council that the \$35,000 initial loan should be offset by the \$67,600 in direct payments made to the City. CAC recommends that the loan should be considered repaid.
- **Culver City Arts Foundation Liaison Subcommittee:** Attended monthly Board meetings and community events, including the Book Festival at The Wende Museum.

- **Outreach and Community Engagement**: As appropriate, CAC participates in outreach about various programs and attends cultural activities in Culver City, such as “Concert in Solidarity with Ukraine” at Frost Auditorium.
- **Performing Arts Grant Program**: Performing Arts Grant Subcommittee reviewed and revised the 2023 Application Guidelines and Notice of Funding Availability.

Cultural Affairs Commission Activities Plan (July 1 – December 31, 2022):

- **Art in Public Places Program**: Continue review of applications for new artworks in conjunction with private development. Public Art Subcommittee will continue work on Washington/National TOD project, and other art projects in connection with recent developments, and updates to CCMC Section 15.06 et seq. Performing Arts Grant and Public Art Subcommittees will complete revisions to the Art in Public Places Program Ordinance and will forward those to the CAC for a recommendation to the City Council.
- **Artist Laureate Program**: Provides continuing support as necessary for current Artist Laureate Alexey Steele and prepare for selection of new Artist Laureate in Summer/Fall 2022.
- **Creative Economy**: Subcommittee will continue to work with Cultural Affairs and Economic Development staff on future stakeholder meetings.
- **Culver City Arts Foundation**: Continue to liaise and support Culver Arts and receive quarterly updates and annual report.
- **Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF)**: CAC members continue to participate in ERTF meetings with a focus on the launch of an artwork in empty storefronts/businesses program.
- **General Plan Update**: CAC will provide feedback on relevant GPU cultural elements as they are completed and presented for review.
- **Historic Preservation Program Update**: Program updates as included in the CCMC.
- **Outreach and Community Engagement**: As appropriate, CAC participates in outreach about various programs and attends cultural activities in Culver City, such as Performing Arts Grants-supported events.
- **Performing Arts Grant Program**: Provide support for the formal evaluation of grant applications for performances during 2023. Determine appropriate levels of grant funding and make recommendations to the City Council.