

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

December 20, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Fleischer called the regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chair Tania Fleischer
Vice Chair Brenda Williams
Commissioner Leora O'Carroll
Commissioner Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin

Absent: Commissioner Ehsaan Mesghali

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager
Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Fleischer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair Fleischer invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Commission:

Charles Douglass, Performing Arts for Life and Education Foundation (PALEF), discussed programming and upcoming performances; he invited everyone to their performance on December 23, 2022 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium and he introduced PALEF members who sang an original song for the Commission.

Staff and Commissioners thanked the performers for their performance.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2022 and November 15, 2022

Chair Fleischer pointed out a typo in the October minutes which staff agreed to correct.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER O'CARROLL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2022, AS CORRECTED AND THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022, AS WRITTEN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, O'CARROLL, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MESGHALI

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Receipt of Correspondence

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Order of the Agenda

Receipt of Correspondence was considered after the Consent Calendar.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC – Consideration of a Recommendation from the CAC Artist Laureate Subcommittee to Appoint Katy Krantz as Culver City Artist Laureate for 2023-2024; and, 2) Make Recommendation to the City Council

Chair Fleischer received clarification regarding the term beginning and ending dates.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, provided a summary of the material of record and read a statement from Katy Krantz who could not be present at the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation for the work done by staff and the Subcommittee; the recruitment and selection process; the number of applicants; awareness that this is a relatively new program; the pandemic; diversity of applicants; that this is the second application received from Katy Krantz; concern with criteria that could be dissuading people from applying; the focus within Culver City; other candidates who work in the city but do not live in the city; the five-year requirement to live or work in the city; the stipend; the amount of time required to serve; ways to support the Artist Laureate; business cards; providing a City email address; social media; initiative taken by the former Artist Laureate; providing resources for any Artist Laureate that serves; creation of a dedicated Instagram account for the Artist Laureate; *Culver City Neighbors Magazine*; increasing visibility; quantifying the number of hours expected of the position; applicant presentations; and appreciation for the work of Katy Krantz.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER O'CARROLL AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINT KATY KRANTZ AS CULVER CITY ARTIST LAUREATE FOR 2023 AND 2024.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, O'CARROLL, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MESGHALI

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, indicated that Performing Arts Associate Lee Lawlor would write an article on the Performing Arts Grant Program and Artist Laureate appointment for the next issue of *Culver City Neighbors Magazine*, and she noted that a future article was planned focusing entirely on the Artist Laureate.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Fleischer invited public comment.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, indicated that there was no Public Comment for Items NOT on the Agenda.

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Items from Members/Staff

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, thanked Charles Douglass and PALEF for their performance at the start of the meeting noting that their upcoming performance on December 23 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium would be the final grant performance of 2022; she discussed grant performances planned for 2023; and past public Performing Arts Grant performances throughout 2022.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, reported that Apple had agreed to pay their Percent for Art Allocation for their large project on the corner of National and Venice Boulevards to the Cultural Trust Fund noting that would factor into appropriations for the next fiscal year and to the available funding for the Performing Arts Grant Program, and she discussed the recruitment of the Special Events Manager and Cultural Affairs Analyst positions.

Commissioner Wisnosky Stehlin discussed the recent Culver Arts event at The Wende Museum; music from the AVPA; the performance by On the Edge Dance Studio; and she wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Commissioner O'Carroll applauded the work of the Culver City Arts Foundation; expressed appreciation for the honoring of Lynne Davidson of Tito's Tacos; and she reported enjoying the event at The Wende Museum.

Vice Chair Williams echoed previous comments about the event at The Wende Museum; reported meeting one of the new Council Members; expressed appreciation for the continued fundraising work of the Foundation that brings people together; and she thanked the dancers for their performance at The Wende Museum.

Chair Fleischer echoed compliments about On the Edge Dance Studio and was pleased that they received a grant from Culver Arts; she discussed recent performances that she attended; use of Temple Akiba as a performance venue; the choice to make Culver City Symphony Orchestra concerts free; comments expressed by Commissioner Mesghali at the last meeting regarding a potential Creative Economy networking event; the upcoming Creative Economy Subcommittee meeting in January with staff from Economic Development Division; continued support for artists; and she wished everyone Happy Holidays and an art-filled New Year.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:49 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

TANIA FLEISCHER
CHAIR of the Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission
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, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

Jeremy Bocchino
CITY CLERK

Date