SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

August 19, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair O'Carroll called the special meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Patacchia Conference Room at Culver City Hall.

Present: Leora O'Carroll, Chair
Ehsaan Mesghali, Vice Chair
Tania Fleischer, Commissioner

Absent: Nicki DiLoreto, Commissioner
Shona Gupta, Commissioner

Staff: Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager
Lee Lawlor, Cultural Affairs Analyst
Sam Lee, Cultural Affairs Analyst

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Lee Lawlor, Cultural Affairs Analyst, indicated that Commissioner Gupta had previously indicated she would be absent for the meeting.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Chair O'Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items NOT On the Agenda

Chair O'Carroll invited public comment.

Lee Lawlor, Cultural Affairs Analyst, indicated that no requests to speak had been submitted.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Lee Lawlor, Cultural Affairs Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

Approval of Minutes for the Regular Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting of July 15, 2025

Commissioner Fleischer asked that two typographical errors be corrected: on page 4 a letter was missing from Carmen Zella's name and there were two semi colons rather than one.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND SECONDED BY CHAIR O'CARROLL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2025 AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, MESGHALI, O'CARROLL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DILORETO DILORETO, GUPTA

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

Consideration of the Deaccession of *Media in Motion*, a permanent Public Art located at 10950 Washington Boulevard

Spencer Mallick, Hudson Pacific Properties, reported that the Public Art Subcommittee had recommended approval of the deaccession request at their June 24, 2025 meeting; provided background on the piece noting that it met the requirements for deaccession; discussed support from the artist; removal; new plans for the site; and future in lieu Public Art fees.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the timeline for the project; plans for the public plaza; activating the street; removal of deaccessioned art pieces from the website; historical documentation; creation of a deaccessioning process as part of the work plan; the collection audit; consideration of future deaccessions; public notification; the process; communication with the artist; and valuation.

Responding to inquiry, Spencer Mallick indicated that their plan was to pay the in-lieu fee, but public art would probably also be part of the project in the future.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding ensuring that the fee goes back to the community.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND SECONDED BY CHAIR O'CARROLL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE, APPROVE HUDSON PACIFIC PROPERTIES, INC.'S (HUDSON 10950, LLC) REQUEST TO DEACCESSION MEDIA IN MOTION BY PAUL NOVACEK AND NICK SEIERUP FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10950 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, MESGHALI, O'CARROLL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DILORETO DILORETO, GUPTA

Spencer Mallick, Hudson Pacific Properties, thanked the Commission for their consideration and welcomed them to attend the Planning Commission meeting to support the

project. Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed the next steps.

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Item A-2

(1) Discussion of 2025 - 2026 Subcommittees; and (2) Assignment of Commissioners to Standing and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager, introduced the item noting Committee assignments made at the July 15th meeting and the need to re-vote on Committee assignments if changes are to be made.

Chair O'Carroll discussed creation of the Communications and Outreach Subcommittee at the last meeting; the FY 2025-2026 Culver City Arts Foundation Subcommittee; overlap between subcommittees; Brown Act issues; and she proposed reassigning some positions.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding separating conversations of different subcommittees; stand-alone purposes for the subcommittees; combining subcommittees; ensuring that items are discussed at the ad hoc subcommittee meetings; communication with Commissioner DiLoreto; and additional ad hoc opportunities available.

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR MESGHALI AND SECONDED BY CHAIR O'CARROLL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MAKE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 AS FOLLOWS:

STANDING PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE: VICE CHAIR MESGHALI AND COMMISSIONER GUPTA

AD HOC ARTIST LAUREATE SUBCOMMITTEE: COMMISSIONERS DILORETO AND GUPTA

AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE: CHAIR O'CARROLL AND COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER

AD HOC CREATIVE ECONOMY & CULTURAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE: CHAIR O'CARROLL AND COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER

AD HOC FY 2025-26 CULVER CITY ARTS FOUNDATION SUBCOMMITTEE: VICE CHAIR MESGHALI AND COMMISSIONER GUPTA

AD HOC 2026 PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE: COMMISSIONERS DILORETO AND FLEISCHER

AD HOC 2028 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES/CULTURAL OLYMPIAD SUBCOMMITTEE: CHAIR O'CARROLL AND VICE CHAIR MESGHALI

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, MESGHALI, O'CARROLL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DILORETO, GUPTA

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Public Comment – Items NOT On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair O'Carroll invited public comment.

Lee Lawlor, Cultural Affairs Analyst, indicated that no requests to speak had been received.

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Items from Commissioners/Staff

Lee Lawlor, Cultural Affairs Analyst, announced that Performing Arts Grant guidelines and applications for 2026 were available on the City website; discussed maximum grant request amount; requirement for matching funds; publicity; availability of public grant workshops; ongoing coaching and technical assistance; submission deadline of September 26, 2025; process and timeline; encouraged Commissioners to spread the word; and announced upcoming grant performances.

Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed the Summer Concert series pre-show hosted by the Culver City Arts Foundation; a conversation with new Artist Laureate Victoria Marks; and she indicated that she would be providing a presentation on the Creative Economy for the Consulate Corps Conference at the Shay Hotel on August 21.

Sally Unsworth, Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed upcoming items in the next few weeks; the August 24the unveiling of Sonia Romero's artwork at the Farragut Connector; outreach; Fiesta La Ballona from August 22-24; meet-and-greet events with Artist Laureate Victoria Marks; release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Cultural Equity Plan; the Creative Economy event planned for October 16, 2025; Music in the Chambers on September 7, 2025; the promotional video; she thanked Commissioner Fleischer for her work; noted that there were many other items coming up in the next several months; and she thanked her team for their hard work.

Commissioner Fleischer discussed Performing Arts Grant Program and Cultural Plan ad hoc subcommittee meetings; she was happy to have Commissioner DiLoreto on the Performing Arts Grant Program subcommittee; reported attending all of the Summer concerts; discussed attendance; appreciation for the work of Special Events Manager Edgar Varela; Music in the Chambers; reported attending Performing Arts Grant Performances; discussed Fivemind Reeds; the opening celebration at the Glorya Kaufman Community Center on September 6; the very busy summer; and she thanked staff for their efforts.

Vice Chair Mesghali discussed communication with the Fiesta La Ballona team noting that he planned to attend an opening event on August 22.

Chair O'Carroll thanked staff and Commissioner Fleischer for their work on Music in the Chambers and the Cultural Plan; reported attending the community meeting on the Visit Culver City tourism website on July 16, 2025; discussed the importance of a Communications and Outreach Subcommittee; the Summer Concert Series; work with Vice Chair Mesghali on selection of the entertainment for Fiesta La Ballona; she was looking forward to participating in the opening ceremony on Friday; discussed the jazz series curated by the Jazz Bakery; and Music in the Chambers on September 7, 2025.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:44 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

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LEORA O'CARROLL
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.

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Jeremy Bocchino Date
CITY CLERK