

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 16, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin called the regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:01 P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Chair Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin
Vice Chair Zoltan Pali
Commissioner Tania Fleischer
Commissioner Brenda Williams

Absent: Commissioner Len Dickter

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator
Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager

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Pledge of Allegiance

Tania Fleischer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin invited public comment.

The following members of the audience addressed the Commission:

Steve Newton provided background on himself; discussed public art in the city; restoration of the Culver Hotel; city heritage; he proposed statues of Laurel and Hardy, and The Little Rascals in Culver City; and he discussed potential funding.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Newton, staff and Commissioners regarding consideration by the Public Art Subcommittee and the plaque placed at Washington and National Blvds. by The Sons of the Desert.

Dr. Janet Hoult discussed CRE Outreach Foundation; the organization's Theatre of the Blind; supporting disabled creative groups within the community; encouraging blind actors and actresses; and the Disability Advisory Committee. She provided information on CRE Outreach Foundation to the Commission.

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, reported that CRE is a 2019 grantee.

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Order of the Agenda

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin requested that Item A-1 be moved forward on the agenda.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC – 1) Administration of the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed or Reappointed Commission Member(s); and 2) Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Commissioner Tania Fleischer.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CAC – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2019

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, indicated that a typographical error on page 5 had been corrected.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY CHAIR WISNOSKY STEHLIN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2019 AS CORRECTED.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DICKTER

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin complimented the minutes and received clarification regarding the process for minutes handling and completion.

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Item A-1
(Continued)

CAC – 1) Administration of the Oath of Office to Newly Appointed or Reappointed Commission Member(s); and 2) Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, read a letter submitted by Commissioner Dickter.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the process, continuity, and willingness to serve.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FLEISCHER AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PALI THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPOINT JEANNINE WISNOSKY STEHLIN TO SERVE AS CHAIR, AND ZOLTON PALI TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: DICKTER

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Item A-2

CAC – 1) Dissolution of the Ad Hoc 2019 Culver City Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee; (2) Creation of the Ad Hoc 2020 Culver City Performing Arts Grants Program Subcommittee; and (3) Assignment of Commissioners to Ad Hoc and Standing Subcommittees for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Further discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding continuity, and agreement to dissolve the ad hoc 2019 Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee, create a new ad hoc Performing Arts Grants Subcommittee for 2020, and continue the subcommittee assignments from 2018-2019 into 2019-2020.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR PALI THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION:

1. DISSOLVE THE AD HOC 2019 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE; AND
2. CREATE AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE FOLLOWING LIMITED SCOPE: 2020 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM; AND,
3. MAINTAIN EXISTING SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FROM 2018-2019 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AS FOLLOWS:

AD HOC:

ARTIST LAUREATE (FLEISCHER/WISNOSKY STEHLIN)

2020 CULVER CITY PERFORMING ARTS GRANT PROGRAM
(FLEISCHER/WISNOSKY STEHLIN)

CREATIVE ECONOMY REPORT (DICKTER/PALI)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND PROGRAM UPDATE
(PALI/WILLIAMS)

CULVER CITY CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOUNDATION LIAISON
(DICKTER/WISNOSKY STEHLIN)

STANDING:

PUBLIC ART (PALI/WILLIAMS)

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: FLEISCHER, PALI, WILLIAMS, WISNOSKY STEHLIN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DICKTER

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin invited public participation.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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Receipt of Correspondence

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, indicated that no correspondence had been received.

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Items from Staff

Susan Obrow, Special Events Coordinator, reported on the Creative Economy Connect event at The Wende Museum on July 11, 2019; she thanked Creative Economy Subcommittee members for their assistance and all Commissioners for their attendance; she indicated that Dr. Yolanda Gorman would present a report to the Commission and then to the City Council; and she announced upcoming Performing Arts Grant performances.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, reported on recent meetings of the Public Art Subcommittee.

Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager, reported attending the Creative Economy Retreat.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Williams congratulated Commissioner Fleischer, Chair Wisnosky Stehlin and Vice Chair Pali on their reappointments; she reported attending the Creative Economy Stakeholder meeting on July 11; discussed keeping creatives in Culver City; partnerships; improving outreach and information dissemination; and she encouraged Culver City to use public art to put the city on the map.

Commissioner Fleischer thanked everyone for their support; reported attending the Creative Economy Stakeholder meeting; discussed the grant received by West Los Angeles College; apprenticeships; the business community; the Fine Arts Table at the event; she reported attending a performance of the Santa Monica Chorus at the Kirk Douglas Theatre; and she indicated that she would be participating in a Long Beach grant panel.

Vice Chair Pali discussed the Creative Economy Stakeholders meeting; the business side of the Creative Economy; he felt the message of the meeting was that they needed to do better; and he reported attending the opening of *Buried by Vesuvius* at the Getty Villa.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the Creative Economy Stakeholders meeting; the need to increase public relations; representation of creative businesses and improving the presence of Cultural Affairs on the City website; drafting language to provide a basis to make better decisions regarding public art; precedent in other cities; a suggestion to create a subcommittee to work with the Foundation to fund website design; confusion navigating the website; links to external websites; Commission consensus was received to include an item pertaining to this on a future meeting agenda; inclusion of the Assistant City Manager in the process; and a suggestion to invite a representative from Culver Arts to the next Commission meeting to be involved in the discussion.

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin discussed the Creative Economy Stakeholders meeting; contributions of creative industry to economic growth; the future; opportunities; the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture; the website; she announced that performing artists in Los Angeles County would be coming together on July 18 at The Fountain Theatre to read the Mueller Report; and she asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Allen Lyle and Jan Warshaw.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:55 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned in memory of Allen Lyle and Jan Warshaw to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on August 20, 2019 in the Mike Balkman Chambers at City Hall.

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SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED _____

JEANNINE WISNOSKY STEHLIN
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 Green
CITY CLERK

Date