

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

February 18, 2020
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 Len Dickter
Commissioner Tania Fleischer

Absent: Commissioner Brenda Williams

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Collections Manager
Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Program Associate

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Pledge of Allegiance

Hope Parrish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda

Chair Wisnosky Stehlin invited public comment.

The following member of the audience addressed the Commission:

Alexey Steele, Artist Laureate, congratulated the Commission and the City for the addition of important public art at City Hall; he discussed the unveiling of *Culver Current* by Nate Mohler; and he expressed appreciation for the collaboration between the City and the artist.

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Consent Calendar

Item C-1

CAC – Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2019

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, indicated that the minutes would be amended to include a sentence clarifying that Commissioner Williams had requested a re-vote for Item A-1.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners with agreement to defer approval of the minutes to the next meeting when all Commissioners could be present to vote.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC – Consideration of 1) FY 2019-20 Cultural Affairs Work Plan Updates; 2) FY 2020-21 Cultural Affairs Work Plan Priorities; and, 3) Provide Comments and/or Make a Recommendation to the City Manager, as Appropriate

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, introduced the item and provided a summary of the material of record.

Louise Coffey-Webb, Collections Management Coordinator, Art in Public Places Program, discussed public outreach; the Downtown Cultural Walking Tours; the Jason Woodside installation of *Bloom Dimension* at One Culver; requirements of the Art in Public Places Program; remounting artworks displayed in the Patacchia Room at City Hall to make them

more publicly accessible; and other collections management projects.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, discussed Nate Mohler's *Culver Current*; the Historic Preservation Program; development projects; the entitlement process for the Innovation Plan for The Culver Studios and the involvement of Cultural Affairs; the environmental review as relates to historical resources; relocation of the four historic bungalows; demolition and building permits; photo documentation; mitigation measures; archiving; remodeling of the Citizen Building into a market hall; the Master Sign Program for that project; the Creative Economy Stakeholder Meeting and summary report; the Artist Laureate Program; the Culver City Arts Foundation; and the budget process.

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Program Associate, provided an overview of the Performing Arts Grant Program and discussed the Americans for the Arts Convention in 2021.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the plan for Veterans Memorial Auditorium; the Economic Development Implementation Plan; the Creative Economy Report; defining who takes the lead for specific projects; the Foundation Liaison Subcommittee; coordination between City entities that involve the arts; budget meetings; scope of activities; the Economic Development Implementation Plan; keeping the creative economy at the forefront of people's minds; the economic vitality and future of the city; using the work of the Commission proactively; working together to benefit the city; possibly providing a work plan update report two times per year to keep Commissioners informed on what is being done; strengthening language for the Art in Public Places Program; and the CAC's Communications Subcommittee.

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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

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Program Associate, discussed upcoming Performing Arts Grant performances.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Coordinator, discussed the work being done by Lee Lawlor and additional tasks that she would be taking on as relate to the CAC.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Fleischer welcomed Lee Lawlor and expressed gratitude for her efforts; discussed performing arts grantees; AB5 and affects to performing arts organizations noting that additional information is available through California Arts Advocates; corrections being made; she agreed to provide information to staff for those needing assistance; and she discussed the need for additional public funding for the arts.

Commissioner Dickter reported that the owner of dots SPACE had offered space to the Commission for temporary art or artwork, and he received clarification regarding recent actions by the City Council on the municipal code update, including additional training required for Commissioners.

Serena Wright-Black, Assistant City Manager, indicated that information regarding the updated policy would be forwarded to Commissioners.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:04 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 17, 2020 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