

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

October 19, 2021
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. via WebEx.

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

Absent: Vice Chair Brenda Williams
Commissioner Zoltan Pali

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Coordinator
Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate
Taylor Yates, Cultural Affairs Student Intern

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Pledge of Allegiance

Sehnita Joshua Mattison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment

Chair Fleischer invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Commission:

Marcus Tiggs, Fiesta La Ballona Committee, invited everyone to Fiesta La Ballona on October 29-31; he indicated that wristbands were on sale; noted that opening ceremonies would be on October 29; and he announced sponsors noting that without Amazon Studios, they would not have been able to put on the event that everyone is accustomed to.

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Order of the Agenda

No changes were made,

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC – Update from the Culver City Arts Foundation Including Consideration of the FY 2021-2022 Annual Plan and Two Quarterly Reports

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, introduced the item.

Chair Fleischer invited public comment.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, indicated that no public comment had been received.

Jim Clarke thanked the Commission for their support and collaboration over the past year; discussed the recent Art Walk & Roll Festival; the successful fundraiser; and the commitment to support the City's Performing Arts Grant Program.

Sehnita Joshua Mattison reported that Board Members and Advisory Board Members had been added; she discussed volunteers; separate committees; and she indicated that the Foundation was very excited to be moving forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation for money raised during the pandemic to help artists; the work of the arts to bring people together; support for the arts programs; support of the Artist Laureate and the Performing Arts Grant Programs; loan forgiveness; helping raise awareness of the work being done to support the arts; the Culver City Arts Foundation Strategic Planning Retreat; the Arts Calendar; work to connect artists in the community; the Tito's Tacos Vodka event; and the youth mariachi band.

Jim Clarke discussed the wrap party for the Projecting Possibilities project at the Helms Design Center; the small stipend provided for participating artists; appreciation for the support; and keeping the arts alive during the pandemic.

Additional discussion ensued between Mr. Clarke, staff and Commissioners regarding the work of the Foundation during challenging times; support for individual artists in the community through the Artist Resiliency Fund; promotion of artistic events going on around town; the commitment to the upcoming Performing Arts Grant Program; the asphalt art project and the Foundation as a co-applicant with the City for a grant submitted by the Public Works Department; the Foundation acting as a non-profit intermediary for the City; Bloomberg Philanthropies; safety issues at the intersection in front of the Senior Center and in front of Veterans Memorial Building; pedestrian safety; appreciation for the return on investment for the City; the annual Foundation holiday party; and approval of the plan.

MOVED BY CHAIR FLEISCHER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WISNOSKY STEHLIN THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION: APPROVE THE CULVER CITY ARTS FOUNDATION FY 2021-2022 ANNUAL PLAN.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Public Comment – Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, reported that no public comment had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Items from Staff

Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Coordinator, discussed student intern Taylor Yates from the Los Angeles Department of Arts and Culture Arts Internship Program; reported that *The Architecture of Plants* by Veronika Kellndorfer had been installed on the corner of Delmas Terrace and Washington Boulevard; discussed annual maintenance conservation contracts for all artworks on City property; restoration; fact checking for the educational panels for the storm water Project; artwork on the Ivy Station outdoor elevators; she provided examples of public art in England from her recent trip; discussed the second Augmented Reality postcard to commemorate the reopening of Downtown and the debut of the refurbishment of *The Lion's Fountain*; and she announced the Downtown Business Association's Hip & Historic Halloween event on October 24 with more information available at the DBA website: downtownculvercity.com.

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, provided an update on the Performing Arts Grant Program; discussed applications received for 2022; the presentation of recommendations from the Peer Review Panel and the 2022 Performing Arts Grant Program Subcommittee at the November Commission meeting; and upcoming Performing Arts Grant Program performances.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed the MOVE Culver City project; installation of the asphalt art; and the intent to use community volunteers.

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Items from Commissioners

Commissioner O'Carroll discussed the Creative Economy and recent articles about creative businesses and space in Culver City.

Commissioner Wisnosky Stehlin read an excerpt from the proclamation from the White House in honor of National Arts and Humanities month.

Chair Fleischer noted that this was the first time since 2015 that a US President had acknowledged National Arts and

Humanities month; discussed the need for the creative and the cultural sector to recover in order for the country to fully recover; reported on the meeting of the Performing Arts Grant Program Peer Review Panel; thanked Sony and Culver Arts for their continued support of the program; and she thanked Commissioner Wisnosky Stehlin for her support, as well as staff and the intern for their efforts.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:41 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 19, 2021.

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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 Green
CITY CLERK

Date