

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

February 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Fleischer called the regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission to order at 7:01 P.M. via Webex.

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

Absent: Commissioner Zoltan Pali

Staff: Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager
Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Coordinator
Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate
Taylor Yates, Administrative Intern
Jesse Mays, Assistant City Manager

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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.

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, reported that no requests to speak had been received.

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Receipt of Correspondence

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

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Consent Calendar Items

Item C-1

CAC - Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2022

MOVED BY VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER O'CARROLL THAT THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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Order of the Agenda

Items from Members/Staff was heard before and after Public Comment - Items NOT On the Agenda at the end of the meeting.

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Action Items

Item A-1

CAC - Consideration of (1) FY 2021-22 Cultural Affairs Work Plan Updates; (2) FY 2022-23 Cultural Affairs Work Plan Priorities; and, (3) Provide Comments and/or Make a Recommendation to the City Manager as Appropriate

Chair Fleischer introduced the item and invited public comment.

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, reported that no requests to speak had been received.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, provided a presentation on the status of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Work Plan and the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Work Plan; she expressed gratitude for the work of Administrative Intern Taylor Yates; discussed core functions of the division; the Cultural Affairs Commission; the Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF); and the Art in Public Places Program.

Louise Coffey-Webb, Public Art Coordinator, discussed new artworks completed under the purview of the Art in Public Places Program; progress on collections management; public outreach; the augmented reality (AR) postcards; monthly articles written by members of the division in *Culver City Neighbors* magazine; the free mobile walking tour Otocast app; requests for the red walking tours book; and the Culver Boulevard Storm Water Project.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed updates to the programming of *Culver Current* by Nate Mohler; new development projects; revisions to the Art in Public Places Program Ordinance; Historic Preservation Program updates; the Artist Laureate Program; the General Plan Update; efforts relating to the Creative Economy; Technical Advisory Committee meetings in conjunction with the GPU; and the Culver City Arts Foundation.

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, provided an update on the Performing Arts Grant Program; highlighted the Los Angeles Doctor's Symphony Orchestra; discussed contributions; in-person performances for the next grant cycle; the reopening of the Kirk Douglas Theatre in March; and highlighted Work Plan items for the next fiscal year.

Taylor Yates, Administrative Intern, provided an overview of her primary duties as an intern; discussed outreach; updates to the website and social media pages; promotion; ongoing projects; she highlighted her favorite virtual and in-person events; discussed projects for the remainder of the fiscal year; and the upcoming calendar for the integration of the Work Plan into the City budget.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation for the presentation and for all of the work

accomplished; the Creative Vitality Index; percentage of jobs in the City that are in the creative industries; job classification; the presentation to the City Council; availability of the presentation to the public; the budget process; the Performing Arts Program ordinance language; Culver Arts; broader language with regard to some of the Work Plan priorities to allow flexibility; additional time to add items to the budget; the Community Cultural Plan; the General Plan Update; and the timeframe for various items.

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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 Members/Staff

Lee Lawlor, Performing Arts Associate, reported that the deadline for Commissioners to file Form 700 is April 1, 2022.

Christine Byers, Cultural Affairs Manager, reported that the City Council had decided to continue consideration of in-person vs. virtual meetings to the March 14, 2022 City Council meeting.

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Public Comment - Items Not On the Agenda (Continued)

Chair Fleischer invited public comment.

The following member of the public addressed the Commission:

Jim Clarke invited everyone to the Second Annual Culver City Book Festival at the Wende Museum on February 26 noting that the event provides an alternative to the expensive Los Angeles Book Festival and he discussed planned events and participants.

Chair Fleischer indicated that she had attended the first Book Festival and found it to be fantastic.

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Items from Members/Staff (Continued)

Commissioner Wisnosky Stehlin discussed Black History Month.

Commissioner O'Carroll discussed attending the Culver City Arts Foundation monthly Board meeting.

Vice Chair Williams expressed hope that people were taking the time to read about the history of African Americans in the country during Black History month.


Chair Fleischer thanked staff for their efforts and reported attending a subcommittee meeting to discuss the remaining tenure for Artist Laureate Alexey Steele.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:10 P.M., the Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned to a meeting to be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

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Lee Lawlor (May 18, 2022 15:15 PDT)

SECRETARY of the Cultural Affairs Commission

APPROVED May 18, 2022


Tania Fleischer (May 22, 2022 20:38 EDT)

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

05/26/2022
Date