

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

*Location: Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Lee at 5:05 PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chair Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call:

Present: Commission Chair Catherine Lee
Commission Vice Chair J. Dallas Dishman
Commissioner Martin Gantman
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commissioner Madeleine Rackley
Commissioner Todd Williamson

Absent: Commissioner Candice Beroukhim

Also Present: Arts Manager Andrew Campbell
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Moya Márquez
Grants Coordinator Prentis Bonds
Public Art Coordinator Rebecca Ehemann
Arts Coordinator Mike Che
Arts Technician Joy Tribble
Arts Intern Sarah Isenberg
Arts Intern Asha Lewis

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of the July 26, 2018 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dishman, and approved unanimously.**

D. Approval of the June 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Rackley, and approved unanimously.**

E. Public Comment

SIUZANNA IGLIDAN, founder and CEO of Global Musical Bridges, spoke about Global Musical Bridge's programs, including the celebration of the 145th Anniversary of Sergey Rachmaninoff which they organized in Plummer Park. Next year, in the City's annual Russian Arts and Culture months, they will organize a piano competition dedicated to the 180 year anniversary of Modest Mussorgsky.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matters were acted upon by one motion. There were no items removed for separate discussion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar was motioned by Commissioner Dishman, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.

A. Posting of the Agenda

The agenda was posted per proper noticing procedures at City Hall, Plummer Park, West Hollywood Library and West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

ACTION: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Performing Arts & Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Performing Arts & Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on its meeting held July 12, 2018 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman reported that there are no actionable items.

ACTIONS: Received and filed.

B. Urban Art Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Urban Art Subcommittee on its meeting held July 19, 2018 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Williamson reported that art consultant Tiffany Lendrum and artist Andy Cao of Cao Perrot presented artwork for the 8432 Sunset Boulevard project and requested approval of the Stage III Final Art Plan for the project. Commissioner Williamson reported that submitted renderings of the work show a sculpture consisting of various handcrafted branches made of stainless steel, 36,000 mother-of-pearl leaves with a Swarovski crystal attached to each leaf, and a geode in the trunk of the tree made out of 4,000 crystals. The artist also presented a comprehensive lighting plan that included up lights around the base of the tree trunk, an overhead light to cast a "moonlight" glow onto the artwork, and plans for LED lights to illuminate the geode inset into the trunk. Commissioner Williamson also reassured the Commission that the yearly maintenance plan was selected by the artist, who already has a similar project in

Commissioner Williamson also reported that the subcommittee discussed the deaccession policy. While the full Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission recently made a recommendation to de-access one of the Urban Art pieces, there is still no formal deaccession policy. The Arts Division will continue to work with the City Attorney to explore how to remove the arts covenant.

Finally, Commissioner Williamson also reported that the Subcommittee received a presentation from Simone Manwarring, Curator from Urban Art Projects (UAP) and Ghazal Khezri, LOHA, on proposed artist Mark Hagen for the development at 1136 La Cienega Blvd. Hagen is a Los Angeles based artist who often works with industrial materials to create minimal, geometric, architectural sculptures. Hagen's proposed artwork will be a entrance fence or otherwise sculptural artwork that also serves as a functional fence.

The Subcommittee expressed concern about the artist's aesthetic and that it might be misconstrued as architecture. The Subcommittee directed the curator to request that the artist distinguish the artwork from the architectural fence, and requested that the artist be present for the Stage II Review of the Schematic Plan, along with the curator.

ACTION: Ratification of recommendations proposed by the Urban Art Subcommittee including:

1. Approval of Stage III Final Art Plan by artist Cao Perrot, in collaboration with Swarovski, for the urban art project at 8432 Sunset Boulevard in accordance with the City's Urban Art Policy and Guidelines. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, and approved unanimously.**
2. Approval of Stage I Artist Approval of artist Mark Hagen for the development at 1136 La Cienega Blvd. in accordance with the City's Urban Art Policy and Guidelines. **Motioned by Commissioner Rackley, seconded by Commissioner Williamson, and approved noting commissioner Dishman's "No" vote.**

C. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Art on the Outside Subcommittee on its meeting held July 26, 2018 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee reported that they had received an application for a Commercial Business Mural Application from Mademoiselle Cocotte on 8700 Santa Monica Boulevard. The Subcommittee was concerned that the artwork could be considered commercial signage, and requested that staff review the application with the City Attorney, and authorized staff to give final approval.

The Subcommittee also reported on an Art on Construction Fence temporary project opportunity at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard. At the Subcommittee meeting, Staff indicated that the Parking Division allocated \$5,000 to replace the Art on Construction Fence temporary banners. Staff explained that there is an opportunity to continue with a history theme and select a new artist from the artist roster if the Subcommittee allocates \$2,500 for an artist's design fee.

The Subcommittee also reported that they are recommending one denial of an art project submitted by Lonnie Lardner for an exhibition titled "Unlikely Angels" by artist JT Burke for the Fountain Day School at 1128 N. Orange Grove Avenue.

Finally, the Subcommittee also reported on their recommendation to allocate \$10,000 for curator Ed Woodham to develop a temporary art project proposal "Art in Odd Places" for West Hollywood.

ACTION: Ratification of recommendations proposed by the Art on the Outside Subcommittee including:

1. Approval of the Commercial Business Mural Application for 8700 Santa Monica Blvd. featuring the artwork by Cinzah Merkens pending review from the City Attorney and final approval from Staff. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and approved noting that Moreno-Freedman had stepped out of the room temporarily during the vote.**
2. Approval of the allocation of an additional \$2,500 from the Art on the Outside budget for an artist's design fees for the Art on Construction Fence temporary project opportunity located at 8120 Santa Monica Boulevard. **Motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and approved unanimously.**
3. Declined the temporary art project proposal submitted by Lonnie Lardner for an exhibition titled "Unlikely Angels" by artist JT Burke for the Fountain Day School at 1128 N. Orange Grove Avenue due to budget restrictions. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, and denied unanimously.**
3. Approved an allocation not-to-exceed \$10,000 for curator Ed Woodham to further develop the temporary art project proposal "Art in Odd Places" for West Hollywood and to identify a list of local artists and curators to participate in the project, identify possible partners and/or grants to support the project, specify locations(s) where the project will take place, and present the final project proposal to the Subcommittee at a future meeting in order for the Subcommittee to make a recommendation for approval or denial of the proposal. **Motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved noting a "no" vote from Commission Vice Chair Dishman.**

D. West Hollywood Cultural Plan – WeHo Arts: The Plan

The Commission received updates from staff on *The Plan's* implementation process and discussed the Artists Roundtable to be held in September 12, 2018. Staff reported that they will send the Commission email updates regarding the upcoming Artist Roundtable.

ACTION: Receive and file.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair FY2018-19

The Commission elected a Chair to preside over the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission based on seniority and in accordance with the ACAC Bylaws. The Commission also elected a Vice-Chair to preside over the Art and Cultural Affairs Commission in absence of the Chair and in accordance with the ACAC Bylaws.

ACTIONS:

1. Election of Commissioner Dishman as the Chair of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, and approved noting the abstention of Commissioner Dishman.**
2. Election of Commissioner Moreno-Freedman as the Vice Chair of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. **Motioned by Commissioner Dishman, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.**

B. 2018 One City One Pride Report

The Commission received a report on the 2018 One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival.

Arts Coordinator Mike Che reported that the feedback received for this year's One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival was exceedingly positive, and though mostly comments were made verbally to staff after events, there was also written feedback sent via email.

Mr. Che also reported that in the month of June, there were over 15,000 views for the One City One Pride webpage, which comes close to matching the 19,000 views for the City's homepage.

ACTION: Receive and file the 2018 One City One Pride report.

C. Cancellation of August 23, 2018 Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting

The Commission discussed cancelling the August 23, 2018 Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting.

ACTION: Cancellation of the August 23, 2018 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Dishman, seconded by Commissioner Rackley, and approved unanimously.**

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Williamson reported that the arts leaders breakfast held recently by the office of Senator Ben Allen was a wonderful example of an opportunity for the Community to engage with local politicians about the arts.

Commission Chair Lee thanked the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission for her time as the Chair.

Commissioner Dishman mentioned that he would contact people to select new Co-Chairs and Chairs for the Subcommittees.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Manager Andrew Campbell thanked Commissioner Lee for her service as the Chair of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, and also thanked Arts Technician Joy Tribble for her work in Summer Sounds. Mr. Campbell also thanked Arts Interns Asha Lewis and Sarah Isenberg. Sarah will return to Oregon for college after the end of her internship.

Arts Technician Joy Tribble announced to the Commission that the next Summer Sounds concerts will be held on August 19 and September 16 at 5pm.

Recording Secretary Moya Márquez asked the Commission to be aware that the next meeting in September will be hosted in the Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall.

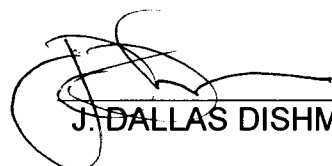
IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the September 27, 2018 meeting agenda as appropriate.

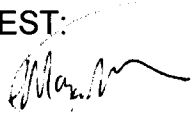
X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:42 PM to its next meeting scheduled September 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.



J. DALLAS DISHMAN, CHAIR

ATTEST:


MOYA MÁRQUEZ,
RECORDING SECRETARY