

City of West Hollywood
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Beverly Denenberg at 5:06 p.m.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Beverly Denenberg, Chair
Madeleine Rackley, Vice-Chair
Michael Haibach
Ken Sherman
Jon Bailey
Whitney Weston
Peter Mays

Staff Liaison: Andrew Campbell, Cultural Affairs Administrator
Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds, Jr.

B. Posting of the Agenda

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

C. Staff Comments on the Agenda

There were no comments from staff on the agenda.

D. Approval of the Agenda – April 23, 2009

Following, Commissioner Haibach moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the April 23, 2009 agenda.

Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 26, 2009

Commissioner Rackley noted one typographical correction to the minutes. Her first name was misspelled.

Commissioner Sherman moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the February 26, 2009 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Mays seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT – July 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009

The Commission received and filed the July 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009 Public Art and Beautification Fund Revenue and Expenditure Status Report.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2009-10 Draft Budget

The Commission continued its review and discussion of budget estimates proposed for 2009-10 programs and projects.

Staff reported no change in the budget estimates proposed for 2009-10 since the March 26th meeting. Staff will meet with the Chair of the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee concerning the proposed deduction to the performing arts grant. Staff will also review encumbrances from the current budget.

B. Art on the Outside Subcommittee

The Commission received a report from Subcommittee Chair Beverly Denenberg on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee meeting held April 23, 2009.

Commissioner Denenberg reported that the Subcommittee:

- Received a presentation from the executive director of Sculpture Foundation and requested that staff explore the feasibility of exhibiting a sculpture by John McCarthy Bower's in the near future.
- Tabled discussion on Museum of Neo Art/Route 66 Project unto the May 28th meeting.
- Received a status report from staff on the development of the Topiary Project and directed staff to focus on existing pieces in addition to exploring the possibility of a WEHO Topiary in the same font type as the City logo.
- Approved in concept LAAA's proposal for four (4) temporary public art exhibitions at Plummer Park with a direction that staff explore the feasibility of the ACAC recommending to the Eastside Arts Committee and that the City consider allocating Redevelopment Funds for this project.
- Received a report from staff that \$1,000.00 is available in Contract Services budget line item of the Art and Beautification Fund that could be encumbered to provide live music at the 12th Annual Art Walk.
- Received an update from staff that information on the Michael McMillen project is pending.

Following, Commissioner Mays moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve an expenditure in the amount of \$1,000.00 to provide music at the 12th Annual Art Walk.

Commissioner Weston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Weston on behalf of Subcommittee Chair Madeleine Rackley on their meeting held April 9, 2009.

Commissioner Weston reported that the Subcommittee

- Approved recommendation of an Arts Participation Grant award in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Dance Studio "Showtime Katusha".
- Approved Live Arts Group's use of 2009 Arts Grant Award for the creation and screening of a 40 minute featurette of music videos produced by LGBT youth and documentary footage at a venue in West Hollywood.
- Discussed and concurred with staff's direction on Pride Month public relations, communications and marketing strategy.
- Received, reviewed and discussed 2010 Arts Grant Program Strategy prepared by staff and reach consensus on staff moving forward with the strategy.

Following, Commissioner Bailey moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission ratify the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee's recommendations to approve an Arts Participation Grant award in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Dance Studio "Showtime Katusha" and Live Arts Group proposal to use 2009 Arts Grant awarded funds for the creation and screening of a 40 minute featurette of music videos produced by LGBT youth and documentary footage at a venue in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Weston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Urban Art Subcommittee

There was no report from the Urban Arts Subcommittee. The meeting scheduled April 16 was cancelled.

E. Committee Appointments

There were no committee appointments made at this meeting.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

Commissioner Denenberg thanked Mark Arroyo, Economic Development Intern, for his contributions to the City and to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

V. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Rackley announced that the Hollywood Master Chorale will repeat its LA Composers concert Sunday, April 26, 2009, at 7 p.m., at Wilshire United Methodist Church and that there will be a pre-concert discussion with the composers at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner Mays announced that the Los Angeles Arts Association is now accepting submissions for "Out There" an exhibition celebrating LGBT Art.

Commissioner Weston announced that there are three weekends left for the Greenway Arts Alliance show "Luminous Birch" at the Greenway Court Theatre.

Commissioner Bailey commented on the last three concerts of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Commissioner Sherman spoke on the French Film Festival.

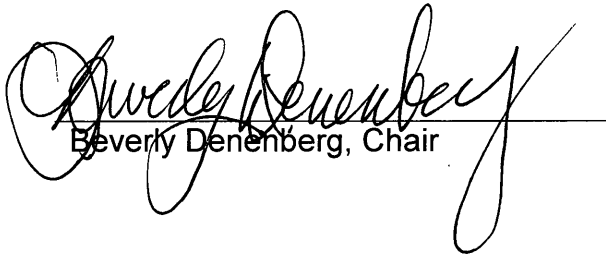
VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

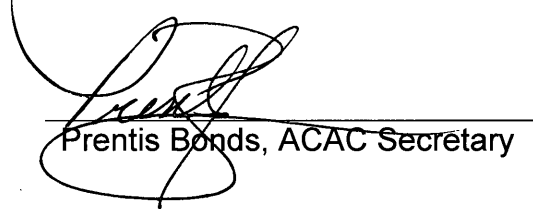
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Denenberg moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourn to its next meeting scheduled May 28, 2009 at 5 p.m. in the Community Conference Room.

Commissioner Bailey seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.



Beverly Denenberg, Chair



Prentis Bonds, ACAC Secretary