

City of West Hollywood
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MINUTES – August 23, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Chair, Lyn DeShields at 5:04 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Present: Lyn DeShields, Chair
Beverly Denenberg, Vice Chair
Jon Bailey
Ken Sherman
Madeleine Rackley
Whitney Weston

Excused: Michael J. Haibach

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

Also present: Aaron Solomon, Congregation Kol Ami
Natalie Bergman, Congregation Kol Ami
Marty Feldman, Congregation Kol Ami
Bart Kresa, artist

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 comments from staff on the agenda

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 26, 2007

Commissioner Bailey moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the meeting minutes of July 26, 2007.

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

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. Financial Report

The Commission received and filed the 4th Quarter Public Art and Beautification Fund Revenue and Expenditure Status Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Congregation Kol Ami Peace Illumination Project

The Commission received a presentation from Aaron Solomon and Natalie Bergman of Congregation Kol Ami on their proposed temporary light projection project by artist Bart Kresa.

Congregation Kol Ami is a progressive, Reform congregation rooted in a rich Jewish tradition and committed to social justice, Israel and diversity.

Bart Kresa is an independent projection designer who travels the world designing multimedia installations for special events and creating cutting-edge architectural projections. Originally from Warsaw, Poland and currently based in Los Angeles, Bart has designed for the Polish Consulate in New York, HBO, ABC, Fredericks of Hollywood and Oprah Winfrey's "Evening of Legends."

This project planned for the eve of November 30th through January 2008 is intended as a gift to the people of West Hollywood and the City of Los Angeles exploring the nature of Peace in all languages. The concept is to stimulate a conversation/dialogue on the subject of Peace within our great city and to cause a shift in consciousness and awareness.

Following comments from commissioners concerning installation details and public relations collaboration opportunities with respect to its Art on the Outside light project and Kol Ami's light projection project, Commissioner Sherman moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission endorse Congregation Kol Ami's light projection project.

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

B. ACAC Subcommittee Structure

The Commission reviewed ACAC subcommittees and their membership. As a result of their review and discussion, the item was tabled to the September 27th meeting of the Commission.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee

The Commission received a report from the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on their meeting held July 12, 2007. At the meeting, the subcommittee received a presentation from Corey Roskin, Social Services Specialist, in the Human Services Department on the Serafemme Women's Music Festival.

Serafemme 'Queer Women of Color Music Festival' is a groundbreaking outdoor festival showcasing artists of various music genres and is produced by Marquita

Thomas of Out&About events and sponsored in part by the West Hollywood Lesbian Visibility Committee.

Following Roskin's presentation, it was the consensus of the subcommittee to invite producer, Marquita Thomas of Out&About events to a subsequent meeting. The subcommittee also discussed collaboration strategies and existing opportunities to creatively enhance the celebration of 'Pride' in West Hollywood and approved staff's recommendation to agendize discussion with the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, the Transgender Task Force and Christopher Street West.

B. Urban Arts Subcommittee

The Commission received a report from the Urban Arts Subcommittee on their meeting held July 9, 2007. At the meeting the subcommittee and Public Facilities Commissioner Greg Woodell received a presentation from art consultant Beatrix Barker on proposed project artists (4) for the Formosa Park project located at 1140 Formosa Avenue. As a result, they recommended that the artwork be incorporated into the gate or entrance to the park and that Ms. Barker return in September with additional information for the subcommittee. The subcommittee also received an update from Ms. Barker on the Havenhurst Park art project. The artist, Steve Roden, art consultant Beatrix Barker, City staff and a representative from the landscape design firm met in July 2007 to visit the site and finalize the concept and location for the sound installation. Finally, the subcommittee received a brief update from staff on the Public Art Conservation Study Report. Staff plans to meet with conservation consultant, Andrea Morse to finalize the report and identify next steps. The subcommittee concluded its report commenting that discussion on the Percent-for-Art Modification Study was tabled.

C. Art on the Outside – Winter 2007-2008 Light Project Budget

The Commission received an update from Commissioner Denenberg on this project. Commissioner Denenberg commented that artist Erwin Redl declined participation in the exhibition and the works by artist Jorge Pardo would not work for display in City Hall. As a result, art consultant Maria Luisa de Herrera was asked to explore the feasibility of expanding the light project by artist Dan Corson. Ms. Herrera will present design concepts by Corson at the September 27th meeting.

D. Eastside Arts Initiative

Pursuant to Council's directive that an ad hoc committee consisting of members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Russian Advisory Board, Project Advisory Committee and staff be established to explore opportunities, conceptualize and develop arts programming for the West Hollywood eastside, the Chair recommended that Commissioners Weston, Sherman and Denenberg serve on the Eastside Arts Initiative Ad Hoc Committee along with the Chair/Vice Chair and one other member of the Russian Advisory Board and Project Advisory Committee.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Bailey announced that the second chamber music concert of the Summer Sounds Classic series will be held Sunday, August 26th at King Road Park beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Sherman commented on the West Hollywood Book Fair.

Commissioner Weston expressed interest in attending book fair meetings.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

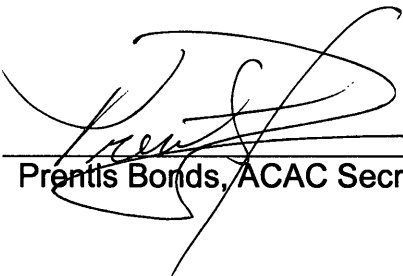
Staff commented briefly on the potential construction of a Sunset Strip 'Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum'. He announced that the Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions to be held Saturday, October 13th and Mayor Pro Tempore Jeffrey Prang pending musical performance with the Fairfax High School Band on ...(?) He concluded his comments indicating that he would share additional items of interest with the Commission via e-mail.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 6:41 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled September 27, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room.



Lyn DeShields, Chair



Prentis Bonds, ACAC Secretary