

City of West Hollywood
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
Minutes May 25, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:06 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael J. Haibach, Chair
Ken Sherman
Jon Bailey, Vice Chair
Lyn DeShields
Beverly Denenberg
Andrew Campbell
Ari Wiseman

Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds

Also Present: Jeffrey Huffer, Acting Economic Development Director
Bonnie Smith, Special Events Supervisor.

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

Staff reminded the Commission to refer to the revised agenda that includes New Business Item III-B "California Council for the Humanities Grant Workshop".

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 27, 2006

The Commission made two corrections to the minutes of April 27th notably under Item V: Replace "Commissioner Denenberg" with "Commissioner Sherman" in the first paragraph and replace the word "comment" with the text "suggestions for speakers, panels, booths, etc." in the last paragraph.

Following, Commissioner Wiseman moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the minutes of April 27, 2006 as amended. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment was heard from Long Beach resident Tami J. Graham of G Promotions. Ms. Graham requested that the Commission consider exhibiting historical photographs of the LGBT movement at West Hollywood City Hall during Pride.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Sounds 06

Bonnie Smith, Special Events Supervisor, provided the Commission with a report on Summer Sounds 06. The division has planned two events and is in the process of planning a third. The first event, a Hawaiian themed luau, will feature a live band, Polynesian Hula dancers and a Hawaiian buffet. The luau will be held July 28th at the Pacific Design Center (PDC). The second event "Swing Dance underneath the Stars" to be held August 18th at the PDC will feature Big Band sounds of the 40's and 50's. The third event to be held sometime in September at a West Hollywood Park would be a picnic style theatrical performance of Shakespeare.

B. California Council for the Humanities Grant Workshop

Commissioner Campbell introduced the item and requested that the Commission co-sponsor the California Council for the Humanities Grant Workshop. The workshop provides documentary film makers and those interested in documentary film production a unique opportunity to become informed about the California Documentary Project grants for filmmakers. The workshop would be held Thursday, June 29, 2006 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Plummer Park Community Center.

Following, Commissioner Bailey moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission co-sponsor the California Council for the Humanities Grant Workshop. Commission Sherman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Art on the Outside Subcommittee

Commissioner Bailey reported on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee meeting held May 25, 2006. At the meeting the Subcommittee recapped the John Clement sculpture exhibition and received an update from staff on the collection of bids in response to the Commission's Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for an art consultant to provide program administration for Art on the Outside program. The Subcommittee directed staff to maximize the use of digital media and City affiliate publications to promote future Art on the Outside exhibitions and develop/obtain a more comprehensive arts press database. The Subcommittee also directed staff to provide for their review copies of all relative press releases before they are issued to the media. After receiving an update from staff on two bids received from public art consultants in response to the RFQ, it was the consensus of the Subcommittee to recommend to the Commission that the Art on the Outside program goals and objectives be re-defined/refined in order to develop a more focused RFQ. He concluded his report by requesting that commissioners e-mail him their suggestions concerning the '07 Art on the Outside exhibition for discussion at their June 22nd subcommittee meeting.

B. Urban Art Subcommittee

The Urban Art Subcommittee meeting scheduled Thursday, May 18, 2006 was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum,

C. Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission 2006 Retreat

The Commission considered rescheduling the date, time and location of the July 15th retreat. Following a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to schedule the retreat in the fall.

D. Public Art Conservation Program

Staff provided an update on the public art conservation program. Sculpture Conservation Studio (SCS) completed two days of surveying public art works and is in the process of compiling data for more assessment activities. SCS will conduct an audit of percent-for-art files in June and will submit a draft report to be reviewed by the Urban Arts Subcommittee at their August meeting. It is anticipated that the final report would be completed by September.

E. Cultural Center Feasibility Study

Staff provided an update on the Cultural Center Feasibility Study. Duncan Webb of Webb Management conducted two additional days of interviews as a result of contacts received from individuals who attended the community meeting and conducted two interview sessions with members of the Project Area Committee. Webb Management would like to make a presentation to staff and members of the Cultural Center Feasibility Study Adhoc Committee in June. Staff will contact members of the adhoc committee on the date, time and location of the presentation.

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff commented on the 2006 Community Study "West Hollywood Speaks". The study was prepared by the City's Human Services Department, Sara Kocher Consulting and Cathryn Berger Kaye Consulting and contains information that might be of interest to the Commission. He asked if the Commission would like to receive a presentation on the study by Human Services staff.

The Commission concurred and directed staff to agendize the presentation for their June meeting.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Denenberg requested that staff agendize 901 Hancock for the June meeting.

Commissioner Haibach requested that staff increase the print quantity of Arts Grant brochures for distribution at Design Walk, Pride and the West Hollywood Book Fair. He suggested that staff distribute John Clement postcards at Design Walk and Pride.

Commissioner DeSheilds commented that five works by erotic artist Tom of Finland were purchased by the Judith Rothschild Foundation and gifted to the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

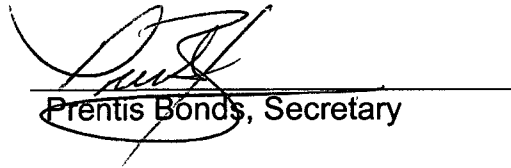
Commissioner Bailey commented on library funding measures.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled June 22, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.



Michael Haibach, Chair



Prentis Bonds, Secretary