

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
March 24, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:04 p.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

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

Interim Staff Liaison: Absent  
Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds

Also present:

Ray Reynolds, Director Economic Development  
Mike Gerle, Management Specialist  
Lillian Ayala, Economic Development Intern

**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 staff comments on the agenda.

**I. INTRODUCTION OF INTERIM STAFF LIAISON**

Ray Reynolds, Director Economic Development announced that Kathryn Krietzman, Interim Staff Liaison to the Commission and Administrative Services Supervisor in the City Manager's Department was unable to attend the meeting. He introduced Mikel Gerle, Management Specialist in the City Manger's Departments, who attended the meeting on her behalf.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2005**

The Commission made one correction to the minutes of February 24, 2005, notably under Items from the Commission; Commissioner Campbell attended Councilmember Land's Annual Board and Commission meeting instead of the Planning Commission meeting noted in the minutes.

Following, Commissioner Bailey moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the minutes of February 24, 2005, as amended. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Art on the Outside**

Commissioner Denenberg provided an update on the Robert Indiana Sculpture project and spoke of her conversation with the attorney for the Paul Kasmin Gallery. The attorney is in the process of reviewing contract language for the draft agreement. Installation of the art is tentatively scheduled for mid-June, which will correspond with the theme "Summer of Love". The gallery intends to use their graphic artist to design the exhibition catalogue in tandem with the City. Staff will need take the lead on insurance matters, locating a printer for the catalogue and assist the Commission with developing the public relations campaign. She concluded by expressing her willingness to work with staff on identifying potential sponsors once the letter of intent has been received.

Mikel Gerle distributed copies of the Keith Haring Agreement to commissioners as a reference in developing an agreement with the Paul Kasmin Gallery.

#### **B. Halloween Update**

Staff informed the Commission that Bonnie Smith, Festival and Events Specialist in the Recreation Division was unable to attend the meeting. A progress memo was distributed to the Commission on her behalf. It was indicated in the memo that Recreation staff is in the process of finalizing details for the annual Drag Race to be held Saturday, October 29, 2005, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. near San Vicente Boulevard. Recreation staff is also in the process of revamping the Halloween Costume Contest and prize packages.

#### **C. Summer Sounds**

Recreation staff is planning to host three "Summer Sounds" events. The first event, "Parks and Recreation Month International Festival", will feature Latin jazz, salsa and Hawaiian music, followed by "WEHO Idol" and ending with "Summer Fling".

The Commission voiced concerns over Recreation staff not being present at the meeting and not being included in the discussion and development of "Summer Sounds". They expressed their willingness to serve on any subcommittee that might be established to address events under their purview. Commissioners Campbell, Bailey and Sherman expressed interest in meeting with Recreation staff to discuss "Summer Sounds" and other events. The Commission made the following request:

1. ACAC review all arts and cultural affairs staff reports before they are submitted to City Council,
2. City Clerk not agendaize the Christopher Street West (CSW) Task Force formation item until CSW has presented a proposal to the Commission,
3. Staff coordinate a meeting with Commissioners Campbell, Bailey and Sherman and Recreation staff to discuss Summer Sounds,
4. Recreation staff attend Commission meetings on a regular basis,
5. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report back to the Commission.

Staff suggested Mikel Gerle coordinate the meeting with Recreation staff and Commissioners Bailey, Campbell and Sherman.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Tom of Finland Foundation Erotic Art Weekend October 7-9, 2005**

Dan Berkowitz, President of the Tom of Finland Foundation Los Angeles and member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board spoke concerning the success of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tom of Finland Foundation Erotic Art Weekend held last year at Plummer Park. He announced that the Julia Rothschild Foundation purchased five original art works that will be gifted to the Museum of Modern Art in New York in 2006 for inclusion in a collection of significant drawings of the 20th Century. He asked that the Commission endorse the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tom of Finland Foundation Erotic Art Weekend.

The Commission unanimously endorsed the City's co-sponsorship of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tom of Finland Foundation Erotic Art Weekend to be held October 7-9, 2005, as a cultural event consistent with the City's strategic programs' goal of valuing and encouraging a broad diversity of cultures and enhancing the cultural and creative life of the community.

#### **IV. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Ray Reynolds spoke on the Economic Development Project Administrator position, formerly held by Alison Maxwell. The job opportunity has been posted in the appropriate journals, and the application deadline is April 25, 2005. The Commission will have an opportunity to review applications after the deadline.

Lillian Ayala, Economic Development Intern, commented briefly on the progress of the arts and cultural calendar. She provided Commissioner Haibach with a draft of the calendar for his review.

Commissioner Haibach commented that he would provide staff with content revisions.

**V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no report from the Chair.

**VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Campbell reported on the progress of the California Story Project "In a New Land: The Stories of Russian Refugee Youth". The exhibition will open Friday, April 15 with a reception in the Great Hall at Plummer Park and will run through May 30, 2005. Tatiana Rodzinek the City's Russian Community Outreach Coordinator will coordinate the distribution of exhibition collateral.

Commissioner Denenberg announced that she would be meeting with Councilmember Abbe Land Friday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bailey spoke favorably of the Los Angeles Choral Artist "Songs of Heaven and Earth" concert held Saturday, February 26 at St. Victor's Catholic Church. The concert was sponsored in part by a grant from the ACAC. He encouraged the Commission to attend their next concert scheduled Saturday, June 4 at Zipper Concert Hall. He requested that Staff add an action item to the April agenda concerning the ACAC staff liaison and an information/discussion item concerning the library project and alternative uses of proposed Council Chambers.

Following Commissioner Bailey's comments, Commissioners Denenberg and Haibach volunteered to draft a letter concerning the ACAC staff liaison. A draft of the letter will be emailed to Commissioners for comments and then submitted to City Council.

Commissioner Sherman spoke of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair to be held Sunday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park. He asked Commissioners to e-mail him their suggestions.

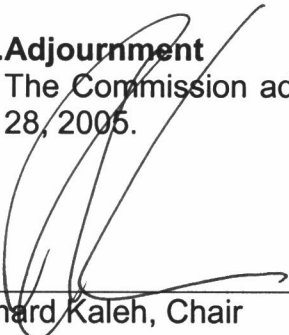
Commissioner Campbell suggested Pen Center West, recipient of a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge Art Grant, as a possible participant at the fair.

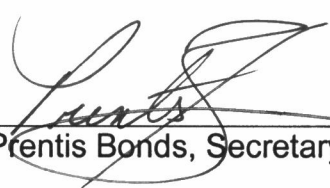
**VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned at 6:12 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled April 28, 2005.

  
Richard Kaleh, Chair

  
Prentis Bonds, Secretary