

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 22, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:10 PM.

A. Roll Call

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

Liaison: Alison Maxwell

Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds

Also Present: Nancy Beard, Recreation and Parks Manager and Genevieve Morrill of the Pacific Design Center

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: None

I. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2003 Minutes

The minutes of December 17, 2003 were unanimously approved.

- II. PRESENTATION:** The Commission received a presentation from Genevieve Morrill of the Pacific Design Center regarding the upcoming Annie Leibowitz, "Rewarding Lives" photography exhibition at the Pacific Design Center February 9 through July 1, 2004. The exhibit includes 70 portraits and was conceived by American Express and a Manhattan creative agency, The Moderns after the events of 9/11. The photographs in this exhibit exist in a more complex environment, where light, form and texture envelop the visitor and create an intimate space in which to engage the images. Media interest is overwhelming and that the Pacific Design Center anticipates 100,000 attendees. The exhibition is free to the public.

The Commission expressed interest in hosting a reception to honor Arts Grants recipients and directed staff to work with Ms. Morrill on possible dates for the reception.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Cultural Affairs Programming

The Commission received updates on special events and other cultural programming from Nancy Beard, Manger of the Parks and Recreation Division.

The Commission directed staff to agendize "CSW Pride Festival" and "Summer Sounds" for the February meeting followed by "Halloween" for the March meeting. Staff was directed to obtain a copy of the 2003 final reports for CSW Pride Festival and Summer Sounds including an outline and description of events planned for 2004 respectively. The Commission also requested that a representative from CSW attend the February meeting.

Recreation staff will confirm the availability of CSW staff.

B. Urban Arts Subcommittee

The Urban Arts Subcommittee did not meet prior to the January ACAC meeting. Staff announced that the next meeting of the Urban Arts Subcommittee would be held February 26 at 4:00 P.M.

C. Commission Retreat

The Commission reviewed action items from the retreat held January 17, 2004 and directed staff to work with Commissioner Campbell on developing an art and cultural affairs mission statement to be reviewed by the Commission at the February meeting. The Commission also directed staff to prepare a draft report of the retreat to be reviewed by the Commission at the March meeting. Commissioners were asked to e-mail Commissioner Campbell comments after reviewing bullet points from the retreat.

D. Grant Committee

Staff provided the Commission with an update regarding the re-allocation of arts grant awards following the January 20th City Council meeting. Council unanimously voted to reduce the MAK Center grant by \$3,500.00 and thus award an additional \$1,000.00 to the Gay Men's Chorus, Vox Feminia and the West Hollywood Chorale including an additional \$500.00 to the United Arts Academy.

E. Commissioners who serve as liaison to the 20th Anniversary Committee reported on their meeting of January 21. At the meeting staff proposed Village Fair Day at Plummer Park. The event would be

would be similar in concept to a community fair with street signs and attractions corresponding to various West Hollywood destinations. Liaisons from ACAC to the 20th Anniversary Committee will report on details as they develop.

F. Havenhurst Condominium and Park Project

Staff announced that the Havenhurst Art Selection Subcommittee would meet Wednesday, February 4, 2004 to select an artist for the condominium/public park project. Staff will send a meeting confirmation via e-mail.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff distributed new Avenues of Arts and Design brochures to the Commission.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

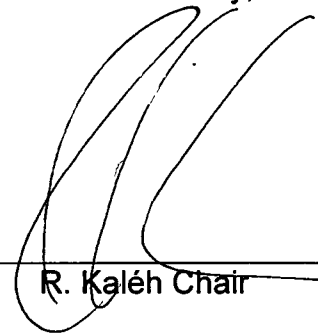
The Chair announced that he would be featured on HGTV's "Design Challenge" Sunday, February 1 at 6:50 p.m.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

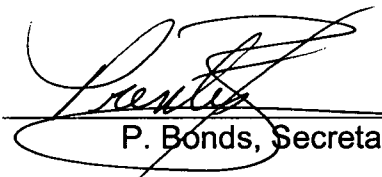
There were no items from the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 7:00 p.m. to next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2004.



R. Kaléh Chair



P. Bonds, Secretary