

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

CALL TO ORDER: The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:03 PM.

A. Roll Call

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

Liaison: Alison Maxwell
Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds

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 MINUTES

Commissioner Campbell noted one correction to the minutes.

Commissioner Bailey moved that the Commission approve the minutes of June 24, 2004 minutes as amended. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Urban Arts Subcommittee

The Urban Arts Subcommittee reported on its meeting of July 15, 2004 in which it continued discussion on various Art on the Outside sculpture opportunities. The committee proposed pursuing works by artist Robert Indiana - his "Love" series – which it was felt would make an interesting and dynamic 20th anniversary celebration. The Committee also indicated that it had met with a local gallery to discuss possible exhibition of works by California artist Fletcher Benton.

Commissioner Denenberg asked commissioners to think of corporate sponsors; and moved that the Commission ratify the direction of the Urban Arts Subcommittee to pursue works by Robert Indiana and Fletcher Benton. Commissioner Haibach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Christopher Street West (CSW)

Bonnie Smith, Special Events Supervisor in the Recreation and Parks Division was introduced. Ms. Smith spoke briefly of her 15 years with the City and informed the Commission that the 34th LA Pride Festival was her first event as the City's Special Events Supervisor. She expressed interest in working with the Commission on events within their purview. She suggested that the Commission inquire with CSW about having an Arts and Cultural Affairs commissioner serve on the CSW Board of Directors.

Commissioner Haibach expressed interest in serving on the CSW Board in an ex-officio capacity.

The Commission requested that Recreation and Parks staff provide guidelines for each event within their purview and be pro active in helping the Commission define its cultural affairs roll. They also requested that the staff liaison place CSW on the agenda for the September meeting and that Recreation staff give a verbal report on same.

C. Halloween

The Commission requested that Recreation staff give a verbal report on the progress of the Halloween carnival at the September meeting.

D. Commission Retreat

Staff announced that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission's study session with the City Council would be held September 13, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. Staff suggested that Commissioners Bailey and Haibach meet with Mayor Pro Tempore Land and Recreation and Parks Manager Nancy Bread to finalize the scope of the study session.

It was decided that Commissioners Bailey and Haibach would meet with staff Wednesday, July 28 at the PDC to identify issues to be discussed before the pending meeting with Councilmember Land and Nancy Beard.

E. Grants Update

Staff reported that the Grants Committee met June 28 to discuss and make revisions to the grant guidelines for fiscal year 2004-2005. The

proposed Arts Grants program and guidelines will be augmented to include special 20th Anniversary Challenge Grants. Commissioners received a copy of the revised guidelines.

Commissioner Campbell moved that the Commission approve a recommendation to City Council for approval of the 2004-2005 Annual Arts Grant Guidelines as presented by the Grant Committee. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Staff also reported that the Orchestra Subcommittee met to continue its discussion on the state of the West Hollywood Orchestra. As a result of their most recent meeting and nearly eighteen months of meetings with members of the West Hollywood Orchestra, the subcommittee recommended that the Commission not support continuation of the West Hollywood Orchestra's grant agreement with the City for 2004-2005. However, WHO may compete with other nonprofits for funding under the 20th Anniversary Special Grant Program.

Commissioner Bailey moved that the Commission ratify a recommendation to City Council not to support continuation of the West Hollywood Orchestra grant agreement with the City for 2004-2005. Commissioner Haibach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Staff will place an item on the August 16th City Council agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS

None

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment was heard from photographer, Carlos Aguilar who sought endorsement from the Commission for the production of a Worlds AIDS day photo exhibition in West Hollywood on December 1, 2005. He also expressed interest in volunteering his professional services to assist Venice Arts with the California Story project.

The Chair requested that Mr. Aguilar provide the Commission with a packet of information and that staff agendize the item for discussion at the September meeting.

V. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

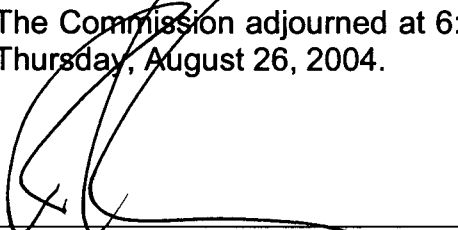
The Chair spoke of a congress being planned by the Administrative Services Department to recognize the work of West Hollywood boards and commissions. He also spoke of an option by the City Council to create a subcommittee to address issues of all boards and commissions.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION


There were no additional items from the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 6:35 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2004.



R. Kaléh Chair



Prentis Bonds, Secretary