

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
November 4, 2004**

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

**A. ROLL CALL**

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

Liaison: Alison Maxwell  
Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds  
Other: Bonnie Smith, Festival and Events Specialist

**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 – September 23, 2004**

Commissioner Haibach moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the minutes of September 23, 2004. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Study Session with City Council**

The Commission felt that the study session with the City Council, held September 27, 2004, helped establish a positive base of communication between Council and the ACAC. As a result of the study session and pursuant to Mayor Duran's suggestion, staff and members of the Commission were directed to develop a set of guidelines that would assist the Commission in its development and review of various events within its purview.

**B. Art on the Outside**

Staff gave an update of the Robert Indiana exhibition indicating that initial commitment had been received via the Paul Kasmin gallery to install an exhibition of the "Love" sculptures and other work as part of the Art on the Outside program. Commissioners indicated that they would inform their respective Council members about the exhibition, and be present at the November 15 Council meeting.

The Chair requested that staff e-mail commissioners the November 15, staff report to Council.

**C. 2004-2005 Arts Grants**

Members of the Arts Grant Committee reported on the meeting held Thursday, October 28 and presented funding recommendations regarding the 23 grant applications received. The Committee noted that two organizations were not eligible and two organizations' proposals were not recommended for funding.

Funding recommendations were as follows:

Center of Jewish Culture & Creativity	\$3,600.00
Collage Dance Theatre	\$4,800.00
Greenway Arts Alliance	\$4,100.00
Los Angeles Choral Artists	\$4,100.00
MAK Center – Friends of the Schindler House	\$5,000.00
Melrose Avenue Elementary School	\$900.00
Museum of Contemporary Art	\$4,600.00
Music Center Education Division	\$5,400.00
OUTFEST	\$4,900.00
Pacific Hills School	\$1,000.00
PEN Center USA	\$4,600.00
Pont des Arts	\$3,600.00
Rosewood Avenue Elementary School	\$1,000.00
SASSAS	\$2,400.00
Side Street Projects	\$2,200.00
Spirit of Sarajevo	\$0.00 – not eligible
Sundays Live	\$0.00 – not eligible
Trade City Production	\$0.00
United Arts Academy	\$3,900.00
West Hollywood Choral	\$3,300.00
West Coast Singers	\$0.00

Commissioner Sherman moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the recommendations as presented by the Arts Grant Committee and direct staff to take the recommendations to City

Council for final approval. Commissioner Denenberg seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

The Commission expressed considerable interest in marketing the grant program and suggested that the Commission 1) host a reception with City Council, 2) invite grantees to the City's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Street Fair Celebration on December 5, 3) develop a postcard listing all grantees and their websites as applicable, include grantees in the City's newsletter and 4) develop an arts and cultural events calendar.

Staff will follow-up on all suggestions and report back to the Commission.

**D. Urban Art Subcommittee**

Staff reported that the Sunset Marquis had decided not to work with the original artist Christian Muller. The project will need to start again and present a new group of artists for the Urban Art Subcommittee's review.

**E. Christopher Street West (CSW)**

Bonnie Smith, Festival and Events Specialist in the Recreation Division reported that City Council will consider approving the development of a Christopher Street West Task Force at its December meeting. The task force would consist of representatives from CSW, the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau and Santa Monica Boulevard businesses. The task force would address policy, developmental and economic issues relative to LA Pride.

Commissioner Haibach expressed interest in serving on the task force and suggested that the task force report back to the Commission.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Temporary Exhibition Proposal "International Male" Building on Holloway**

Staff introduced local businessman John Sedlar who presented a concept for a temporary exhibition - celebrating Latin culinary arts and history through photography - at the old International Male building, in February or March of 2005. The exhibition "Comidas Prehispanicas" or Elements of the Pre-Columbian Kitchen would provide insight into the culinary traditions of Pre-Columbian Mesoamerica. Many of the photographs planned for the West Hollywood exhibition are now on display at the Tamale Museum in San Juan Capistrano.

It was the consensus of the Commission to support the project.

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

Staff reviewed dates for upcoming Commission meetings due the holiday schedule.

It was the consensus of the Commission to move the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting forward to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 to accommodate the holiday schedule.

#### **V. CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no report from the Chair due to the Boards and Commission Chairs not meeting.

#### **VI. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Commissioner Campbell spoke of internship programs through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission in mid January and through the Getty in mid February.

Commissioner Haibach spoke concerning Councilmember Prang's desire for an economic study on Halloween.

#### **VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

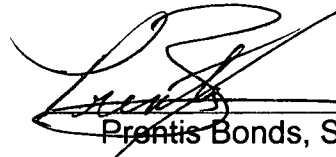
Public comment was heard from West Hollywood resident and artist Diana Levitt.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

The Commission adjourned to its next meeting scheduled for December 2, 2004.



Richard Kaleh, Chair



Prentis Bonds, Secretary