

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
November 20, 2003**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Kaléh at 5:05 PM.

**A. Roll Call**

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

Liaison: Excused

Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds

Also Present: Councilman Sal Guarrillo, Council Deputy Donna Saur and Ray Reynolds, Economic Development Director

**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. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 23, 2003 Minutes**

Commissioner Bailey moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2003 with one correction. Commissioner Haibach seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice Chair Kaléh opened the floor for nominations for Chair of the ACAC:

Commissioner Bailey nominated Vice Chair Kaléh to serve as Chair of the ACAC. There were no other nominations from the floor.

The Commission unanimously elected Richard Kaléh as Chair of the Commission for a term that will expire at the ACAC meeting in July 2004.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the ACAC:

Commissioner Sherman nominated Commissioner Haibach to serve as Vice Chair of the ACAC. There were no other nominations from the floor.

The Commission unanimously elected Michael Haibach as Vice Chair of the Commission for a term that will expire at the ACAC meeting in July 2004.

### **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Urban Art Subcommittee**

The Chair informed the Commission that he and Commissioner Haibach will continue to serve on the Urban Arts Subcommittee and proceeded to open the floor for nominations of one additional subcommittee member. He nominated Commissioner Denenberg to serve on the Urban Arts Subcommittee. There were no other nominations from the floor.

The Commission unanimously elected Commissioner Beverly Denenberg to serve on the Urban Arts Subcommittee with Commissioners Kaléh and Haibach for one term that will expire at the ACAC meeting in July 2004.

#### **B. ACAC Role**

The Commission continued its discussion on the role of the ACAC. The Chair and Vice-Chair reported on their meeting of November 5 with Lloyd Long, Human Services Director, and Nancy Beard, Parks and Recreation Manager. Although no specific details were discussed concerning events now under the Commission purview, Human Services staff was opened to participation from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

The Vice-Chair reported that he and Commissioner Bailey met with Councilmember John Duran who was in favor of staff and the Commission working together to define their new role as the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. The Vice-Chair also reported that he met with Mayor Prang who expressed similar views on the role of the Commission. However, the Mayor would like the Commission to take an active role in revitalizing "Gay Pride" currently organized by Christopher Street West (CSW).

Commissioner Sherman and Commissioner DeShields reported on meetings with their respective Councilmembers. Councilmember John Heilman and Councilmember Sal Guarrillo expressed that they were looking to the Commission to develop an art and cultural affairs work plan that would incorporate the oversight of additional programs and

events as directed by Council. Commissioner DeShields noted that Councilmember Guarrillo is open to meeting with several Commissioners to continue discussion on the role and direction of the ACAC.

Commissioner Campbell and Denenberg volunteered to meet with Councilmember Abbe Land.

Ray Reynolds suggested that the Commission decide how much they are willing to be involved in "policy" as well as "operations". He also suggested that the Commission consider mission statements for each project within its purview.

Commissioner Bailey suggested that Nancy Beard and Alison Maxwell serve as co-liaisons to the Commission and that staff schedule a fact-finding meeting with the Human Services Department concerning future projects. He also suggested that Ms. Beard attend the December meeting along with a representative (s) of CSW.

Councilmember Guarrillo thanked the Commission and ask if they were satisfied with seven rather than nine members.

The Chair responded in favor of the seven-member Commission.

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

##### **A. BA Studios "The Lot" Urban Art Requirement**

The Commission unanimously approved the acceptance of a \$75,000.00 deposit from BA Studios, LLC to satisfy the 1% Urban Art requirement for the parking garage being constructed at 1041 Formosa Ave.

##### **B. Ewerdt Hilgermann Sculptures**

The Commission, after some reservations concerning insurance issues agreed to extend the exhibition of the sculptures for three months starting December 2003.

#### **V. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no additional items from staff.

#### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair announced that Commissioners new to the ACAC must attend Brown Act training on January 28, 2004.


#### **VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION**

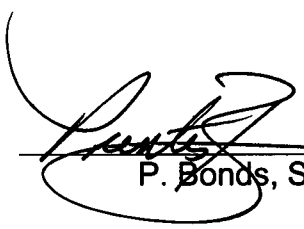
Commissioner Campbell commented on the accomplishments of the West Hollywood Orchestra.

Commissioner Sherman commented favorably on the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to its next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2003.

  
R. Kalén, Chair  
M. Haibach, Vice Chair

  
P. Bonds, Secretary