

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission
MINUTES
February 23, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call:

Present: Commission Chair Peter Mays
Commission Vice-Chair Dallas Dishman
Commissioner Madeleine Rackley – 5:15 p.m.
Commissioner Todd Williamson
Commissioner Yelena Zhelezov
Commissioner Candice Illouljian

Absent: Beverly Denenberg

Staff Liaison: Andrew Campbell, Cultural Affairs Administrator
Recording Secretary: Prentis Bonds, Administrative Specialist IV

B. Posting of the Agenda

The agenda was posted per proper noticing procedures.

C. Staff Comments on the Agenda

There were no comments from staff on the agenda

D. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Williamson moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the February 23, 2012 meeting agenda.

Commissioner Dishman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission will review, receive and file and/or consider approval of the following consent items that include recommendations proposed by the Commission subcommittees.

- A.** Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission special meeting minutes of December 13, 2012.
- B.** Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting minutes of January 26, 2012
- C.** Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee actions of January 12, 2012.

- D. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee actions of February 9, 2012 including ratification of Subcommittee recommendations to approve Arts Participation Grants in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to Stagebridge; American Russian Business Council; and the Bulgarian American Cultural Center and the approval of artists for the 2012 Summer Sounds Concert Series including Catte Adams & The Beautiful People; Denise Donatelli & Geoffrey Keezer; Incendio; Standing Shadows; Plotz; Louie Cruz Beltran (alternate)
- E. Urban Art Subcommittee actions of January 19, 2012.
- F. Urban Art Subcommittee actions of February 16, 2012.

Commissioner Zhelezov moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approve the February 23, 2012 consent calendar.

Commissioner Dishman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Commission heard public comment from Disability Advisory Board member Tim Carlson who spoke concerning his appointment by the board to serve as liaison to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. West Hollywood Park Phase IB and Art Wall (5:15 P.M.)

The Commission received a presentation on West Hollywood Park Phase IB and Art Wall and a slightly revised park layout from Project Manager Dan Adams.

Mr. Adams commented that renovation of West Hollywood Park would include 2.5 acres of increased parkland and green space in addition to a new basketball court that would double as an event space. Additionally, the park will contain an entry garden (off San Vicente) equipped with seating and a raised platform suitable for small events. To protect green space, hardscape pathways were added throughout the park. Seeding of the park lawn will occur within a week and the park will officially open prior to the Christopher Street West/LA Pride Festival.

The walls along the perimeter of the basketball court will be painted a dark green and an anti-graffiti coating will be applied to 2/3 thirds of the wall with the exception to the section referred to as the "Art Wall."

It was the consensus of the Commission to agdenize "Art Wall." The Commission would discuss the pros and cons of temporary installation vs. a permanent installation.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2012-2014 Work Plan and Budget Priorities

The Commission reviewed its 2012-2014 Work Plan and Budget.

Staff commented that the Commission's Subcommittees (Art on the Outside, Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs and Urban Art) have approved their 2012-2014 Work Plans and Budgets. Staff also commented that budget requests and justifications for General Fund Dollars to support arts and cultural programming will be submitted during the upcoming City budget process. Should the Commission not receive General Fund dollars, the Commission would need to revise its work plan.

Following, Commissioner Rackley moved that the ACAC approve the 2012-2014 Work Plan and Budget.

Commissioner Dishman seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. 2012 ACAC Retreat

The Commission received a report from the Retreat Ad-hoc Committee on the development of the Commission's 2012 Retreat. Based on responses received from commissioners, it was the consensus of the Commission to hold the retreat Saturday, April 28, 2012.

C. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Art on the Outside Subcommittee on its meeting held February 23, 2012.

Commissioner Dishman reported that the Subcommittee:

- Discussed a possible exhibit on the median at Santa Monica Blvd & Doheny.
- Received a presentation from Kristopher McDowell on the proposed temporary photo exhibit "Author, Author."
- Discussed "Contemporary Art Encounters/One Day Residencies" with Ryan Farber, Executive Director of the Avenues of Art Fashion and Design and Aandrea Stang, Senior Education Program manager, at the Museum of Contemporary Art.
- Adopted the Art on the Outside 2012-2014 Work Plan and Budget
- Approved for ratification by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission additional compensation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Museum of Neon Art for the extended Neon Sculpture Exhibition.
- Discussed current and potential projects under the Subcommittee's oversight.

Following, Commissioner Illouljian moved that the ACAC ratify the Subcommittee's recommendation and approve the Michael Childer's photography exhibition, "Author Author" for installation at the West Hollywood Library in conjunction with the West Hollywood Book Fair in October 2012 and installation costs associated with the exhibit.

Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Zhelezov then moved that the ACAC ratify the Subcommittee's recommendation and approve an expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 for the extended neon sculpture exhibition.

Commissioner Rackley seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. West Hollywood Library Arts and Cultural Programming

The Commission received an update from staff on arts and cultural programming at West Hollywood Library.

Staff announced the following:

- Los Angeles Women's International Film Festival will be held March 24 – March 29, 2012 at the West Hollywood Library Council Chambers.
- April 1, 2012 will be the launch of THE BIG READ. Staff will request the City Council proclaim April 2012, Ray Bradbury Month.
- Pride Month programming is moving forward
- The West Hollywood Library Program Proposal form has been uploaded to the City website at www.weho.org/art. The proposal form is for use of the City Council Chambers, Community Room, West Hollywood Room, Children's Theatre, Exhibition/Display Spaces and other. The deadline to submit proposals for programming in June, July and August 2012 is March 15, 2012.

VI. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Dishman announced that Guitar Town II will be unveiled March 12, 2012 at Hornburg Jaguar.

Commissioner Williamson commented that he would not be present at the March 22, 2012 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

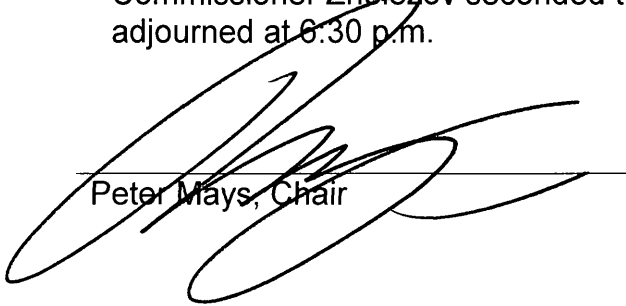
The Commission advised staff on development of the March 22, 2012 meeting agenda. The March 22, 2012 agenda would include the following items:

- Otis Report Debrief.
- Art Wall – Temporary Installation vs. Permanent Art.

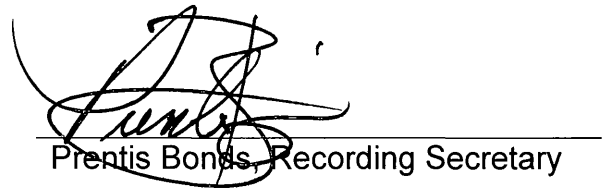
X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dishman moved that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourn to its next regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

Commissioner Zhelezov seconded the motion, and the Commission was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Peter Mays, Chair



Prentis Bonds, Recording Secretary