



**CITY OF GLENDALE
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting**

**January 15, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway**

1. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Grigorian pro tem called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner DerHovanessian
Commissioner Lee
Commissioner Solis
Commissioner Stepanian
Commissioner Wagner

Absent: Commissioner Keyvanian

Michael Grant, Senior Assistant City Attorney also attended the meeting.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner Stepanian and carried:

That the Commission approve the regular Commission Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2008 at 2:00 pm as corrected.

Commissioners DerHovanessian, Grigorian, Lee, Stepanian, and Wagner voted to approve the minutes. Commissioner Solis was not present at the time of the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Keyvanian was absent.

3. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. None.

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Reports – Information Only

1. New and Scheduled Art Projects for 2009

Ripsime Marashian reviewed with the Commissioners projects for 2009:

- **Man's Inhumanity to Man**
- Ripsime stated that the Man's Inhumanity to Man subcommittee met with the main committee of Week of Remembrance to report on their progress. Commissioner Grigorian reported that a donation of \$10,000 for the Man's Inhumanity to Man project has been pledged to support the event. He stated that the donation will pay for the

hiring of a curator, the publication of an exhibition catalogue, and to support other activities for the event such as dance performances, and poetry readings.

- **Diamond Awards**

Ripsime stated that two judges' panels were formed to review the nominations for the Diamond Awards. She stated that the panels will meet in the first week of February, and their selections will be brought to the Commission for their approval.

- **Art in the Park**

Ripsime stated that she is investigating the use of Brand Park for an Art in the Park event, which will encompass various activities including an art exhibition, concert, theatre performances and dance. She stated that she would like to hold the event in June and that she would like the event to be a two day weekend event.

- **Educational Art Workshops**

Ripsime stated that quarterly she would like to present arts educational workshops for artists and art organizations in Glendale. She stated that she would like to offer workshops in grant writing, portfolio presentation, public art policies and alternative art revenue opportunities among others.

- **6th Annual Open Studio Tour**

Ripsime stated that the 6th Annual Open Studio Tour will take place in September 2009 and that the Open Studio Tour exhibition will take place at the City of Glendale Central Library. Commissioner Wagner suggested centralizing the sites & venues for the tour, and possibly splitting the tour between North and South Glendale and conducting it over a two day period. Commissioner Grigorian suggested that an art in the park type event take place at the Central Library during the day of the tour.

- **Chalk Festival**

Ripsime stated that she would like to consider doing a chalk festival in 2009. Commissioner Lee stated that he supported the development of a chalk festival. Commissioner Stepanian suggested that the subject matter or theme for the chalk festival be less religious than the chalk event held in December.

- **Policy for Park Facility Art Exhibitions**

Ripsime stated that staff is in the process of developing a policy for art exhibitions in park facilities and procedures for exhibiting art in the parks.

Commissioner Stepanian asked if this was the extent of the projects proposed for 2009. He stated that he would like to see the Commission take on more activities than what was presented.

B. Action Items

1. Diamond Awards – Approval of Reception Date

Ripsime Marashian reported that 19 nominations have been received for the Diamond Awards. She stated that judges are being contacted to serve on the panel to review the nominations. Ripsime stated that a date for the Diamond Awards ceremony needs to be chosen. She suggested that the ceremony take place in May and specifically after the Man's Inhumanity to Man event on April 4, so that staff can dedicate their time to its planning.

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner, seconded by Commissioner DerHovanessian and carried:

That the Commission approve the scheduling of the Diamond Awards ceremony in May and that staff work to secure a specific date.

All Commissioners present voted approval.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

KRLA Interview – Ripsime Marashian reported that she was interviewed by the radio station KRLA. She stated that she discussed the cultural and art programs scheduled for 2009 in Glendale and the recent past projects of 2008.

Education Workshops – Commissioner Wagner reported that she attended the Work Force Investment Board meeting and that part of their discussion was about arts and the business community, such as technical education in the motion picture industry. She stated that this was just a reminder of the economic value of arts in the community.

Arts for All – Commissioner Wagner reported that the Glendale Unified School District participated in their first district committee meeting of the Arts for All. She stated that they have joined the Arts for All program of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

Assessment of the Role of the Commission in the Arts – Commissioner Stepanian stated that he wants to belong to an organization that makes a difference. He also stated that he hopes that the Commission can tap into the use of volunteers to help move programs and projects forward. He stated that he would like to pursue projects that energize the community to participate, and that pushes ideas beyond the expected. Commissioner Stepanian requested that a discussion item be placed on the agenda to discuss whether what the Commission is doing enough.

Chinese New Year and Events – Commissioner Lee invited the public to the Ms. Los Angeles Chinatown pageant at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel on January 17. He also invited everyone to Chinatown for the Chinese New Year festival on January 31 and February 1.

News Paper Article – Commissioner Grigorian reported that he was interviewed by the Oragark newspaper on December 8. He stated that he discussed the Arts and Culture Commission and the issues they are facing.

Art Exhibition and Concerts – Commissioner Grigorian reported that Julie Snyder is exhibiting at Sigil Fine Art Gallery. He said that the opening reception will be on January 17. He also invited the public to the Forest Lawn Museum opening reception on January 29, featuring artwork from forty artists from the Brail Institute Creative Arts Program.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

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Chairperson Keyvanian