



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

**September 17, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway**

1. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Keyvanian called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

George Chapjian, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Michael Grant, Senior Assistant City Attorney, also attended the meeting.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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

That the Commission approve the regular Commission Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2009 at 2:00pm.

Commissioners Keyvanian, Lee, Stepanian and Wagner voted to approve the minutes. Commissioners Solis and Grigorian abstained. Commissioner DerHovanessian was absent at the time of the vote.

3. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of the Arts Tune Up in Glendale by Angela Milanovic of Los Angeles County Arts Commission and Emiko Ono, the Director of Grants & Professional Development.

Angela Milanovic and Emiko Ono, Los Angeles County Arts Commission staff, invited the public to the Arts Tune Up Workshop that they are cosponsoring with the Arts and Culture Commission on October 24 at the Civic Auditorium.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Yolanda Rossi – Dance School Tango Splash

Yolanda Rossi, Luna Dance School, invited the public to *Tango Splash* which will be presented at the Alex Theatre on October 11.

B. Mary Alice Wollam – Glendale Library

Mary Allen Wollam, Glendale Library, invited the public to participate in *One Book/One Glendale*. She stated that this year's adult selection is *Shanghai Girl* by Lisa See, and the children's selection is *Poison Ivy* by Amy Goldman Koss.

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Action – Items

1. Assigning Two Commissioners to the Advisory Group for Rachmaninoff International Junior Piano Competition Project 2010

Ripsime Marashian stated that Rachmaninoff International is searching for a venue and sponsorship for their 2010 Rachmaninoff Piano competition. She stated that an advisory board was being created to discuss the feasibility of the City of Glendale cosponsoring the event. Ripsime asked if there were any Commissioners interested on serving on the advisory board. Commissioner Keyvanian and Grigorian volunteered to serve on the committee.

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

That the Commission approve Commissioners Keyvanian and Gregorian as members to the advisory committee for the Rachmaninoff International Junior Piano Competition Project 2010.

Commissioners Keyvanian, Lee, and Wagner Solis, Grigorian and DerHovanessian voted to approve. Commissioner Stepanian abstained.

2. Review of Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) Art Requirement Located at 225 W. Wilson Avenue (Hyatt Place Glendale); Report of Alan Loomis and Report of Allen Castillo

Alan Loomis, Planning Department, reviewed the Downtown Specific Plan art requirement developed in 2006 with the Commission. He stated that the Arts and Culture Commission's role in the process is advisory to the City Council and that it is the City Council that makes the final approval of the project. Allen Castillo, Project Manager, Development Services, reviewed the Hyatt Place Glendale project and introduced the design team of Aram Alajajian, Alajajian/Marcoosi Architects; and Vatche Hanessian, Komar Investments. They introduced Yuroz, the project artist, who spoke about the various aspects of the design and art elements that have been incorporated into the building. He stated that the title for the project is "The Conversation." Allen Castillo stated that staff was seeking the Commission's recommendation to City Council for approval of the project. After further discussion the Commission decided to recommend the project for approval to the City Council.

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

That the Commission recommend to City Council approval of the project.

Commissioners Keyvanian, Lee, Wagner Solis, Grigorian and DerHovanessian voted to approve. Commissioner Stepanian abstained.

B. Reports - Information Only

1. None.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

Brown Act for the Rachmaninoff Advisory Committee Meetings – Michael Grant, Senior Assistant City Attorney, stated that the advisory meetings for the Rachmaninoff piano competition will have to be Brown Acted since the two approved Commissioners to the advisory committee will be meeting with two members of the Parks Commission.

Stepping Stone Players performance of the Wizard of Oz - Commissioner Wagner announced that the Stepping Stone Players will be performing the *Wizard of Oz* on the last two weekends in September at Hoover High School.

Unity Fest - Commissioner Lee invited the public to Unity Fest on October 11 on Brand Blvd. He stated that the Unity Fest committee is still accepting sponsorships for the event.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4pm

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Chairperson Keyvanian