**AGENDA** | **ACTION TAKEN**
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1. CALL TO ORDER | The meeting of the Cultural and Heritage Commission was called to order by-Chair Larsen at 6:34 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**
Alone Larsen, Chair  
Christie Romero, Vice-Chair  
Andrew Deneau  
Marian Galanis  
Alkamalee Jabbar  
Elsie Reed

**STAFF PRESENT**
Stacy Michalak, Recreation Supervisor  
Jane Newell, Library Services Manager  
Beth Lapkowski, Senior Secretary

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**
Gary Murray

**GUESTS**
None.

2. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: | None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: | Vice-Chair Romero made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 23, 2007 meeting as written; Commissioner Jabbar made a second and the motion was carried.

4. INFORMATION REQUESTED: | Stacy Michalak indicated that Jane Newell had done some research and found the information requested by Commissioner Deneau at the last meeting. She also indicated there was a sign-out sheet for the commissioners to use to borrow the literature and return it when they were finished. She invited them to look it over after the meeting.

5. CULTURAL ARTS WEBSITE: | Stacy told the commission that after the webmaster had made the corrections on the website, some of them seem to have reverted back. He underscored the pictures at the bottom, put a frame around the mission statement, added pictures of Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Deneau, and the Resource Guide link has been updated with all of the additional information she has received. He is still working on finalizing the corkboard page. She indicated that she would send the link to all the commissioners so they could look at it. Commissioner Reed asked about the possibility of using art work from members of the Anaheim Art Association on the website. Chair Larsen indicated they would discuss that recommendation at a later time.

6. RESOURCE GUIDE | Stacy indicated that we have received most of the requests back from the organizations, and she will bring an updated Resource Guide for the commissioners to review as soon as it is finished.
7. INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Commissioner Deneau: Commissioner Deneau thanked Jane Newell for her work in gathering the information he requested and explained his reasons for asking for it. He also asked Chair Larsen whether agendas and minutes for the Historic Preservation Committee could be provided to the Cultural & Heritage Commissioners, and she indicated she would make that request. She indicated they were contemplating changing to the “rolling fifties” in determining houses that can be considered historic and benefit from the Mills Act.

Commissioner Deneau also indicated that he has sent emails and made phone calls to high school music directors in Anaheim asking if they had any interest in participating in or helping to reform an Anaheim Community Band, and if yes, what would they like to contribute. He has received positive responses from a few, and hopes to hear from more of them. He also contacted choral directors from the schools to ask about interest in re-starting a community chorus. He recounted some of the history of the Community Band and Chorus and their music. Stacy Michalak indicated that the sheet music from the Community Band is being stored in the basement at the Pearson Park Amphitheatre. Vice-Chair Romero voiced some concerns about the way it is being stored and inquired about whether there was a better place to keep it. Jane Newell indicated there was too much for her to consider storing it at the history room, and Stacy said she hasn’t seen evidence of vermin, bug or mildew damage, and that the music is in paper envelopes in the large file cabinets. Jane added that since the temperature stays quite consistent there, that it is probably safe where it is. They discussed having someone catalog the music to know what is there, but after further discussion they decided to see what interest there is in getting a band or choral group together before moving forward in that endeavor.

Commissioner Deneau also discussed the possibility of having a city-wide art contest among schools, elementary and high schools, both public and private. He would like to discuss the idea with the Anaheim Art Association to see if they would like to coordinate the project.

Lastly, Commissioner Deneau made a motion to change the time and location of the Cultural and Heritage Commission meetings to 12 Noon at the Downtown Community Center. Chair Larsen indicated that she didn’t feel 12 Noon was a good time because it would be during work hours, and staff pointed out that City Council has requested that all board and commission meetings be held either before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m. so the public could attend. After discussion, it was decided that Stacy would investigate availability at the Downtown Community Center for the meetings and let the commissioners know, and the item will be placed on the next agenda.

B. Commissioner Galanis: None.

C. Commissioner Jabbar: Commissioner Jabbar reported that he attended the grand opening of the Central Library Children’s Reading Room, and said it was a very nice event and was very well attended.
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D. Chair Larsen: Chair Larsen mentioned that as commissioners, she feels that it is very important for each of them to volunteer at the Muzeo and help make it a success. She described the various ways in which they could volunteer, and she said it is both satisfying and fun. She also discussed having one member of the commission go to the Arts Council meeting each month. She volunteered to attend the February meeting, and she asked each commissioner to sign up for one or more months during the year.

Chair Larsen reported that she hasn’t heard any updates regarding Colony Park, but has heard that the housing portion of development at the Packing House is on hold at this time. She also reported that Musical Theatre West, which is part of the Performing Arts Center Foundation, will be using the Freedman Forum for three shows this season. The APAC Foundation has been searching for a site for a performing arts center in Anaheim, and the sites they have considered include the Anaheim Ballet site, La Palma Park, Freedman Forum, and the Toyota site at Anaheim Boulevard and the I-5 Freeway. She also reported that there is a family that recently moved to Anaheim that is donating money to help refurbish the Cook Auditorium at Anaheim High School. Also, the Orange County Symphony is looking for a 1,000-seat venue and she suggested the Cook Auditorium after the refurbishment is done. Dorothy Rose from the O.C. Symphony asked about the possibility of having a concert at the George Washington Park gazebo, but Stacy indicated she thought that use would cause parking problems in the neighborhood and would be prohibited.

Chair Larsen shared with the commissioners that she attended the grand opening for the new exhibit at the Muzeo, Chicano Art and Soul. It was a friendly, upbeat event with food and drinks, the mayor spoke and many of the featured artists were on hand.

E. Commissioner Murray: Commissioner Murray was absent.

F. Commissioner Reed: Commissioner Reed announced there will be a card party at the Anaheim Bridge Center to raise money for the Woelke-Stoeffel House on fifth Wednesday of the month, January 30th. She mentioned that the house, along with the Mother Colony house and the “big tree” will become a new park now that the other properties have been acquired.

G. Vice-Chair Romero: None.

H. Staff: Stacy reminded the commissioners about the Community Services Department Volunteer Banquet on February 21st and asked if everyone had sent in their RSVP. She also mentioned that she had received the new Arts Council contact list on behalf of the commission and would give that to Sjany Larson-Cash upon her return.

Jane Newell announced that bids have closed for the work on the exterior of the Woelke-Stoeffel house. In the meantime, tours of the Mother Colony House have continued.

8. ADJOURNMENT Chair Larsen adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.
The next meeting will be **Monday, February 25, 2008**, at 6:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.