

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

October 9, 2012

Manhattan Beach City Hall

1400 Highland Avenue

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Russ Samuels, Commissioner Peter De Maria, Nancy Humbarger, Commissioner James Gill, and Commissioner Nancy Dunn.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Acting Cultural Arts Manager Megumi Moisen and Administrative Intern Athena Henderson.

III. APPROVAL MINUTES

The minutes of the June 5, June 12, July 10, and August 7, 2012 Cultural Arts Commission meetings were approved as written.

IV. CEREMONIAL

None.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

12/1009-1 Possible "Shell" Bench Donation on the Strand by Mr. Morton

Commissioner Samuels briefly recapped Gerry Morton's request of the bench donation. Although Mr. Morton previously intended to purchase the "shell" bench designed by CK Architecture, once the fee increased from \$12,000 to almost \$17,000, he was no longer interested. The Commission is still in favor of the bench design, and they need to decide how to present it to Council for their approval. The Commission agreed to wait until they receive the material sample before making any decisions.

The language used on the bench plaque was another issue that needed to be resolved for Mr. Morton.

12/1009-2 Public Display of the Presentation Materials from Centennial Art Project Finalists

The Commission discussed possible display venues at Manhattan Beach facilities. Commissioner Samuels suggested using the presentation glass displays in City Hall. Commissioner Humbarger inquired about using the glass displays in the library to exhibit the maquettes. Commissioner Samuels suggested waiting to see all the submissions and determine what space would be available to exhibit all the maquettes. He also inquired how to get more publicity for the maquettes submissions. The Commission suggested the

Parent Teacher Association (PTA), newsletters in schools in the Manhattan Beach area, Craigslist, press releases, and possibly having someone from the *Beach Reporter* to cover the event.

Commissioner Dunn will inquire about the deadline for submission for PTA newsletters. Acting Cultural Arts Manager Megumi Moisen will look into having someone from the *Beach Reporter* cover the presentation of the maquettes.

12/1009-3 Treatment of the Sculpture by Harold Reach at the Manhattan Beach Post Office

Commissioner Samuels discussed the Harold Reach art piece and deliberated whether the Commission should refurbish or decommission the piece.

Ms. Moisen stated that it could cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$7,000 to repaint and refurbish the Harold Reach art piece. She reported that the last time the piece was painted was over three years ago.

Commissioner De Maria stated that he is against removing a piece of public art without having an art piece to replace it. He further stated that the budget used to repair the Harold Reach piece should be used towards a new piece. Commissioner Dunn agreed with Commissioner De Maria.

Commissioner De Maria suggested making a motion to formulate a plan to have a public art piece replaced when a piece has reached its life span for Council. Commissioner Humbarger suggested allocating the money used for the Harold Reach piece for the bench program. The Commission will continue to discuss the future of the Harold Reach piece in the December meeting.

Commissioner Gill suggested adding the Harold Reach piece, the budget for the Public Art Trust Fund, and the Bench Program to the agenda for the December meeting

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Library Art Commission Piece:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Art Selection Committee, Commissioner Samuels and Commissioner De Maria reported that Lita Albuquerque was selected for the new library art project.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.