

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

July 10, 2012

Manhattan Beach City Hall

1400 Highland Avenue

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Richard Gill, and Acting Cultural Arts Manager Megumi S. Moisen.

III. APPROVAL MINUTES

None.

IV. CEREMONIAL

None.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

12/0710-1 Selection of New Commission Officers

Director Richard Gill reported that annually the Cultural Arts Commission is required to select a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2012/2013 Commission. In the past, officers have been selected on a seniority basis.

MOTION: Commissioner De Maria moved that Russ Samuels be appointed Chair and Nancy Humbarger be appointed Vice Chair to the Cultural Arts Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gill.

Ayes: Commissioners De Maria, Gill, Samuels, Humbarger, and Dunn.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

12/0710-2 Selection of the Art in Public Places Committee (APPC) for the Centennial Art Project

The Cultural Arts Commission previously decided to recruit four outside members for the Art in Public Places Committee (APPC) for the Centennial Art Project to assist the Commission in selecting artists and artwork. The Commission received eight applications from the following community members and art professionals: Mike Gains, Homeira Goldstein, Lynn Haggard, Jeanne Jackson, Ann Martin, Jim Murray, Mark Pally, and Peggy Zask.

Following the discussion of the candidates' qualifications and backgrounds, the Commission selected and nominated individuals for the APPC. For the first round, each Commissioner nominated up to four individuals, and the candidate with the most votes received the first seat. For the second round, each Commissioner nominated up to three individuals, and the candidate with the most nominations received the second seat. By repeating the voting two more times, the Commission selected the following four individuals for the APPC panel: Jim Murray for Seat 1, Mark Pally for Seat 2, Lynn Haggard for Seat 3, and Jean Jackson for Seat 4.

12/0710-3 Review of the Architectural Bench Designs for the Strand Bench Donation Program

The Commission reviewed eight architectural bench designs for the establishment of the Alcove Bench Donation Preapproved Design Catalogue. At this stage, the Commission intended to narrow down the selections to three to four designs for the possible creation of prototype benches. The Commission favored the idea of displaying prototype benches for a certain duration prior to the City Council's decision for the official approval.

Manhattan Beach resident, Gerry Morton, attended the meeting to find a design suitable for his bench donation on the Strand. He selected the "Shell" bench by CK Architecture and was willing to fund \$12,000 to place it on the Strand at 31st Street. Director Gill suggested Mr. Morton send him a letter of commitment including specific information of the bench design (cost, exact dimensions, sample of materials, hues or a color swatch, etc.) to seek approval from Council. The Commissioners agreed to separately move this case forward without waiting for the completion of the Preapproved Design Catalogue. Mr. Morton commented on the wording on the plaque. He suggested using the wording, "dedicated to" his father instead of "donated by" himself. Referring to the Bench Donation Guidelines, Commissioner Samuels explained to Mr. Morton that it cannot say "in honor of" or "in memory of" a deceased individual because Council would like to void any memorial text for the City benches. Director Gill also stated that "dedicated to" was not permissible under the current guidelines for the Strand Bench Permission Policy. Mr. Morton stated that he would approach to the City Council to use the words "dedicated to" instead of "donated by."

The Commission agreed to have a special meeting on August 7th, 2012 to further discuss the "Shell" bench design for Mr. Morton's donation. Commissioner De Maria will contact CK Architecture for a presentation of the "Shell" bench design to Mr. Morton. In September, the Commission will continue reviewing other designs for the establishment of the Alcove Bench Donation Preapproved Design Catalogue.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the next Cultural Arts Commission special meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.