

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

May 10, 2011

Manhattan Beach City Hall

1400 Highland Avenue

Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Susan Sweeney, Chair  
Nancy Humbarger  
Susannah Rosenthal  
Peter De Maria  
Russ Samuels  
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

NA

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

01/0612.7 Strand Alcove Bench Prototype Sponsorship

Commissioner De Maria plans to meet with Mayor Montgomery at his Saturday “coffee dialogue” to discuss the Commission’s interest in identifying sponsorship for the prototypes. The Cultural Arts Commission plans to contact local businesses (like Boeing) and so that the Commission can determine the degree of interest the companies may have in sponsoring the manufacture of the prototypes.

01/0612.Sculpture Garden Invitation

The Commission discussed the issue of the \$2500 stipend allotted to the artists for the one year-lease of their art work. This stipend is not sufficient for artists to create a new sculpture; more than likely, the artist will submit an art piece that has already been made.

The Commission liked the theme of “elements” as a subject of the sculptures. The ideas of sun, sand and ocean reflects the City’s beautiful natural environment and life style.

Website

The Commission discussed the idea of creating a separate website for the Commission’s activities. The Torrance Art Museum’s site was cited as a good example. Staff will research this item.

**IV. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Marine Memorial Wall

In response to the use of Public Art Trust funds for the proposed Marine Memorial Wall project, the Commission referenced a section from the City's Public Art Master Plan, Section II, p.10, 2B which reads:

“The Cultural Arts Commission shall have the authority to review all works of art to be sited in public places and to make recommendation to City Council on acceptance or rejection of works based on criteria established in the Implementation Plan.”

The Commission wants to be included in the City's art projects. They want the opportunity to review the project designs and to be informed of the proposed use of the Public Art Trust funds.

Commission De Maria asked that a current copy of the Public Art Trust Fund report be prepared for the Cultural Arts Commission's review. At De Maria's reinstatement interview with Council, he was reminded of the Commission's responsibility for the Public Art Trust fund.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.