

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

April 12, 2011

Manhattan Beach City Hall

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Nancy Humbarger

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Postponed until the next scheduled meeting

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

01/0612.3 Architectural Designs and Bench Prototype

Commissioner De Maria proposed that the prototype designs be displayed at the leading DWELL AIA/LA Design Conference that is scheduled for June 24-26, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The Commission thought the prototype bench designs could receive maximum exposure at this nationally recognized design and architecture conference. This proposal to feature the program at the conference requires City Council approval and needs further discussion.

The Cultural Arts Commission's plan for the four prototype bench designs is as follows:

- Recommend the prototype designs and sponsorship for prototypes to City Council for approval
- Contact local businesses to assess their interest in sponsoring the manufacture of the prototype benches
- The goal is to identify four sponsors each financing one prototype bench
- The fee for manufacturing the prototypes is approximately \$12,000 each
- The manufactured prototype benches could be installed temporarily on the green belt.
- This installation allows prospective donors the opportunity to review the bench designs
- At the end of the temporary installation, the prototype sponsors would transfer their bench to a designated location

- The approved prototype designs would be added to the City's Strand Alcove Donor program expanding the number of approved designs

Ad Hoc Committee (AHC)

The Commission discussed possible members for the AHC and may finalize three members at the next meeting. It would be beneficial if the persons selected had experience as a Cultural Arts Commissioner, and an understanding of the City's policies and operations, plus a strong appreciation for the arts.

Reports & Other Business

The Commission discussed the Marine Memorial Wall project and the intended use of Public Art Trust funds (\$10,000) for the project. The Commission's comments included:

- The Commission feels strongly that a dialogue is needed and that the Commission should be informed when Public Art Trust Funds are appropriated for an art project that is planned within the City.
- It is important that the Cultural Arts Commission participate in the discussions related to new art projects that are proposed by other Commissions or community groups. Copies of Staff Reports would be beneficial and would assure the Commission that the project is being administered in compliance with the Public Art Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.