

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

October 12, 2010

Manhattan Beach City Hall

City Managers Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ben Babbitt, local artist; was introduced to CAC as a potential Ad Hoc Committee Member.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.30 Sculpture Garden

Staff reviewed the sculptures that were presented to City Council on October 19, 2000 with their respective purchase prices as requested. Frank Mando's *Sea Horse* at \$2,000 (correct price for this piece is \$5,000); Kent Kraber's *Remember* at \$5,000; and Amos Robinson's *A Bicycle* at \$20,000. Other available sculptures included: Nina Karavasiles' *Solar Illumination* at \$6,000 and Steven L. Reiman's *Family Tree* at \$8,500.

At the October 19, 2010 City Council meeting, the City Council approved one sculpture for purchase - Kent Kraber's *Remember When Fish Were Fat and Buttery and the Water was Clear...* for \$5,000. Funds from the City's Public Art Trust will be used for this purchase.

The Commission discussed the Patch.com article which described how the City had offered less than the prices set by the artist for their sculptures. The Commission thought this approach could discourage artists from participating in the public art programs. The Commission asked staff to see if they could arrange a joint meeting with the City Council. The Commission wants to make sure they are on the same page or have the same vision/mission as the City Council when it comes to:

- 1) process for the Sculpture Garden
- 2) types of sculptures for the Sculpture Garden

- 3) can the City Council appoint one of its members to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Sculpture Garden program
- 4) can a Council member sit on the final review panel for future Sculpture Gardens

The Commission was asked to email their recommendations for the Sculpture Garden Ad Hoc members to Ms. Purner.

REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

Strand Alcove Bench Program – Architect Designs

The deadline for the architectural designs is next week. Commissioner De Maria announced that Alison Wright had withdrawn from the project but the remaining four architects will send their designs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.