

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

August 10, 2010

Manhattan Beach City Hall

Council Chambers

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Susan Sweeney, Chair
Nancy Humbarger, Vice Chair
Peter De Maria, Commissioner
Susannah Rosenthal, Commissioner
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the July 13, 2009 Cultural Arts Commission Meeting were approved as written.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.23 Sculpture Garden

The Commission received a ballot sheet for the final list of artists for the 2010 Sculpture Garden and the votes cast resulted in the following artists selected for recommendation to City Council for approval.

Artist	Title
Sonia Chhabra Patel	<i>The Pearl</i>
Kent Kraber	<i>Imagine if There Were Dragons</i>
Frank Mando	<i>Pele (Fire Goddess)</i>
Maria De Castro	<i>Pier/Osprey</i>
Alison Wright	<i>Oracle Bones</i>
David Thefeld	<i>On Board</i>
Amos Robinson	<i>Sweet Music</i>
Alex Weinstein	Untitled (wave swell series)

Locations for the sculptures resulted Metlox as the best space for sculptures by Amos Robinson and Alex Weinstein. Alison Wright's piece will be installed on Veteran's Parkway. Civic Plaza will incorporate the works by Sonia C. Patel, Kent Kraber, Frank Mando, Maria de Castro, and David Thefeld.

The Commission is ready to plan the CAC booth for the 2010 where information pertaining to the Public Art Programs, classes and events can be shared with the community. Commissioners also plan to create a link from the City website for the Sculpture Garden.

The Commission would like to organize an Ad Hoc Committee for the 2011 Sculpture Garden. It is imperative that the search begin soon. The Commission needs the help of a committee dedicated to researching potential artists who can meet the program's criteria. Further discussion is needed to determine the number of persons needed and the type of background that would best suit the makeup of the committee.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

The Cultural Arts Commission re-visited images of bronze sculptures for consideration of future Sculpture Garden installations.. The images were given to the Commission when the program directive was first proposed by City Council. The images of these sculptures show bronze figures of children playing in a park setting; additional figures show Mark Twain and Shakespeare posed on park benches and standing along and with the children.

The Commission commented:

- The bronze figure are charming nostalgic art but do not reflect The Commission's vision of a contemporary urban sculpture garden
- The cost associated with leasing a group of bronze sculptures is prohibitive
- The focus for the program is directed at finding available finished sculptures and artists willing to lease their work for one year at the \$2500 stipend
- Bronze commissions are not part of the Sculpture Garden rotating plan at this time

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2010..