

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

March 9, 2010

Manhattan Beach City Hall

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Nick Agid presented a proposal entitled "Artist Company." This project is described as an ongoing collaboration between artists and manufacturers, to produce public artworks for a temporary display in the City of Manhattan Beach. Those art works chosen by the Cultural Arts Commission would be forwarded to the Council for final approval. Finalists would be installed within the venues around the City. The work would be available for purchase with the money divided between the artist, manufacturer and the City in an equitable pre-agreed contract.

The project interested the Commissioners because, if sustainability resulted from the collaborations and partnerships, this would reduce the dependence on the Public Art funds for program support. It was concluded that further discussion is necessary.

James Wagner (local business person) supports the City's public art and shared his opinion that a City who invests in the arts makes a statement about the community's level of sophistication.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.21 Sculpture Garden Program

The Commission reviewed the San Diego's Urban Tree sculpture selections and other sculpture options. The possibility of extending the current sculptures until September is being explored; this time frame coincides with the availability of San Diego sculptures.

The Commission received a drawing by Sonia Chhabra Patel and a maquette from Mr. Martinez for the Sculpture Garden; the artists were under the impression decisions for the next installation would be made at this meeting.

REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

"If Slater Bowled" Art update

Sharon Greco and Alison Wright presented an update for 'If Slater Bowled' temporary art installation. The proposal includes a description of the public art piece and the cost involved:

- The Slater art installation drawings were reviewed and modified according to recommendations from Engineering and Public Works.
- The red bowling pin is ten-feet tall and the ball is four feet and each weighs 40 lbs.
- The Tolkin Group approved the installation of the Slater art above the Metlox escalator for a five-month period (see attached drawings).
- The \$1,000 installation fee covers installation and de-installation.
- The artist's stipend is \$1,500.
- The Slater art work will be added to the existing insurance policy for the Sculpture Garden. (\$2,500 annual premium)

The Commission agreed to recommend the project to City Council for final approval.

Strand Alcove Bench Program

Commissioner De Maria prepared a proposal directed at adding new bench designs to the Strand Alcove Bench Program. This would expand the number of approved designs available to donors interested in participating in the program. The Commission is considering an invitational process where three architects would submit three to five new bench designs for review. The Commission will discuss the proposal further at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.