

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

June 9, 2009

Manhattan Beach City Hall

Council Chambers

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.12 Sculpture Garden

The installation schedule for the Sculpture Garden is set for Monday, June 29. Ms. Purner reported that Public Works will install the seven art works with the use of fork and scissor lifts plus a crane where needed. Public Works anticipates completing the installation of all seven sculptures on the designated Monday. Brochures are available at two sites; on the civic plaza and at the Veterans Parkway. The dedication is set for Tuesday, July 7 at 5 p.m. with two artists tentatively planning to attend. A reception will follow.

The Commission and staff plan to create a tour and art educational materials for student visits to the Sculpture Garden in the fall. It is hopeful that a public art day can be scheduled to include the artists. Artists' and their works will be placed on the City Website. The Commissioners are very interested in seeking funds to support cultural arts programs that were eliminated and they plan to brainstorm and submit a proposal to the City Council for approval.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Election of New Officers

The Commission congratulated Candy Duncan who demonstrated tremendous dedication in bringing the Sculpture Garden to completion during her term as chair.

A nomination was made and approved in support of Susannah Rosenthal becoming the new Cultural Arts Commission Chair. In addition, Susan Sweeney was voted in as the Commission's vice-chair.

Cultural Arts Program Budget Cuts

The City is facing serious budget deficits which prompted the elimination of the following programs: Arts Manhattan's annual exhibitions, Metlox Music & Art Series, Children's Theater, the Artist in Residence Program @ MBUSD, and the Arts Festival. Other Parks & Recreation event cuts included: Halloween Carnival, Pet Appreciation, Sand Castle Design Contest, Pumpkin Races, Family Holiday Nights, Family Fishing Derby, and Family Kite Festival.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for July 14.