

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

February 10, 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 6:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the January 13, 2009 Cultural Arts Commission were approved as written

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.7 Sculpture Garden Proposal

The Commission reviewed the artists under consideration for the Sculpture Garden. In addition to those artists who were previously confirmed (Harmon Nelson, Nina Karavasiles, and Amos Robinson), there are four new art works for consideration; Deana Mando, a second work by Nina Karavsailles, Kent Kraber and Frank Mando.

Calls to the following artists are planned to determine if their art work is available and staff expects confirmation by the next Commission meeting: Steven L. Reiman, Robert Verhees, John Oleinik, Marian Zeldin and Stefan Verstappen.

The Commission identified three possible areas and decided on the Metlox and Civic Plaza as sites for the Sculpture Garden art work.

Metlox:

- 13th Street Plaza – close to 13th street at the Shade Hotel's northwest corner.
- Metlox Town Plaza – near the tree-covered tables and chairs area.

Veteran's Parkway

- Outside Joslyn on the lawn in front of the Oasis room.
- North of the Veterans Memorial

C. Civic Plaza

- In front of entrance to Human Resources
- Northwest corner on Fire Department facility
- Near Police Deptment on grassy planted area

Staff is scheduled to present the proposed art work for the Sculpture Garden to City Council on March 17. The San Diego Port Authority may loan the Commission the maquettes for the sculptures being recommended.

The Commission is scheduling a Special Meeting on February 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in City Hall to finalize the Sculpture Garden selections.

The Commission reviewed designs and quotes from two sources for sculpture base. The price ranged from \$1,165 to \$1,735, depending on the base style selected. A quote for the base has been requested from Public Works.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Theater – DancinDan production - *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, with performances at the Joslyn Auditorium, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.; March 29 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tickets available on line and by calling 310/802-5448. Commissioners will be on hand as well as staff. Publicity will include a banner, posters, flyers and MBUSD distribution.

Local Artists program – a staff report is on the agenda for the first Council meeting in March. Artists will be exhibiting at Metlox on the 13th Street area. Staff is seeking new artists to participate in this year's spring and summer series.

A new exhibition opens in March at the Creative Arts Center featuring the work of Margaret Lazzari; Margaret is a Manhattan Beach resident and a fine arts professor at USC. The reception for this exhibition is scheduled for March 27.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The Commission is calling for a Special meeting; it is scheduled for February 26, at 10 a.m. in the Community Development Conference room.