

## **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

November 18, 2008

Manhattan Beach City Hall

Council Chambers

6:02 p.m.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

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

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 14th Meeting were approved as corrected: "Five different artists would be commissioned to create a new work."

#### **IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

#### **V. GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **02/0612.7 Sculpture Garden Proposal**

- The Commissioners visited San Diego to tour the Port Authority's public art program; Mr. Allan Tait provided them with program information plus a viewing of the program's Urban tree maquettes.
- The Commissioner's who participated in the trip wanted to view the sculptural works scattered along the San Diego waterfront and determine if they could be used in the City's Sculptural Garden Program. The quality and scale of the art works was thought to be exceptional.
- The visit was inspirational and the Commissioners are eager to get the program going. The cost of the base manufactured for San Diego program is \$1,400 each; a lower priced base would be preferable. The steel poles cost \$200 each. This temporary structure can be moved easily and provides a solid foundation for the sculptural form that fits onto the steel pole and is secured into the base. Staff will conduct a survey of vendors in the Los Angeles area requesting quotes for the structure.
- The Commissioners commented on the inclusion of works that were child-friendly. In particular, the art works designed with a kinetic element capture a viewer's attention. Ultimately, the works selected for the Sculptural Garden's initial installation should be engaging and accessible to the public.

- When questioned about public response, Mr. Tait commented that he did not receive any complaints because the installations are on display for a temporary length of time. Artists receive a stipend of \$2,500 after the art works are installed.
- Tonight the Commissioners selected twenty-three artists from the Port Authority Urban Tree Brochures. From this list, five finalists will be selected with a recommendation to City Council for approval.
- Artist contact information will be furnished by Mr. Tait and the artists will be called to determine availability, whether they're interested in participating and request images of their work, etc.
- It's important to know the weight of art works that may be installed in the civic plaza area and to have Public Works confirm the safety of their placement. The installations will begin in the plaza and continue out to the green belt.

## **VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

### Children's Theater

Staff will prepare a report for the Commission and City Council identifying costs for the *Join the Circus* production of November 8 and 9. The plans for the next show are in motion with *Charlie Brown* scheduled for March 28 and 29, 2009.

### Strand Alcove Bench Program

The City Council approved the changed wording for the Ellis plaque to read: *Friends and Family for Susan M. Ellis. (Friends and Family of Susan M. Ellis was proposed).*

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 9 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.