

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes

February 12, 2008
Manhattan Beach City Hall
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners
Shelby Phillips, Chair
Candy Duncan, Vice Chair
Susannah Rosenthal, Commissioner
Nancy Humbarger, Commissioner
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

Absent: Susan Sweeney. Commissioner

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 10th Minutes were approved as submitted. **September 11th** Minutes approved with a correction to the date listed for the next Commission meeting; should read Tuesday, October 9. **October 9th** Minutes approved with the correction “Susan Sweeney was late” not absent. **December 6th** Minutes – Change sentence under “Sculpture Garden Proposal” - A map has been developed completing the Sculptural Garden proposal. This proposal will be submitted to the City Council at the January 8th Joint meeting. The Strand Alcove/Bench Donor Guideline draft is ready for City Council approval. Council asked that Staff and the Commission provide recommendations for the location of the six benches.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.6 Sculpture Garden – Discussion centered on the need for additional research of possible artists for the garden. The Commission noted that Council suggested that the project move slow and look to incorporating conservative art works. The Commission will review artists hoping to recommend two to three to Council; as well as work out a budget with insurance costs, installation fees, etc. Ms. Purner will contact the City of Beverly Hills to gain information on the Tom Oterness installation. The honorarium is \$2,000 per art work with a goal of installing six artworks. It was suggested that a fact sheet be created for distribution to the artists interested in the Sculpture Garden project, explaining location, terms of the program and city demographics. Changes pertaining to the Sculpture Garden proposal were approved.

02/0514.7 Strand Bench placement sites – The Commission voted to meet on Thursday, February 13 at 11 a.m. to walk the Strand in order to determine where the six benches should be placed on the Strand. The Commission’s recommendations for the Strand Alcove/Bench sites will be ready for Council in early March; in addition, the revised Strand Donor Guideline revisions will be ready for Council.

IV. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

January 8 Joint Meeting with City Council – The Commissioners’ comments included: Under **The Process** section; insert one word “style” of benches.” Reference to “Downtown area” was questioned under “Discussion of the Sculpture Garden Project.” The Commission identified the areas for the placement of artworks as Metlox plaza, the Civic Center and the City Greenbelt. Under Audience Participation – Commission did not recall hearing from the person listed, Anna Stevenson.

City Entryway Sign project:

A timeline and manufacturing costs were requested from Graphic Solutions.

The City Entryways are pending construction drawings and the submission of projected costs for the manufacture and installation of the signage.

Children’s Theater Staff – this program will be presented to Council for their approval.

The program’s cost is approximately \$14,000 with the funds coming from the Art Trust.

The performance is 50 minutes in length with no intermission and is written for children from 3-8 years old. The Commission decided not to serve refreshments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.