

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes

June 17, 2008
Manhattan Beach City Hall
City Manager's Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the May 13, 2008 CAC Meeting were approved as submitted.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.5 Sculpture Garden Proposal

The criteria for the 18-month sculpture garden program were reconsidered by the Commission. The program changes include restricting the search to local artists within the southern California area. This would eliminate prohibitive freight charges. The artist selected for both of the exhibitions are asked to install 5-6 art works. Comments made included: seeking artists who create interactive public art works similar to Christo's *Gates* in New York's Central park. This appeal for art in public places can challenge the community as well as educate.

The San Diego Port Authority *Urban Trees* public art program is under consideration. Commissioner De Maria recommended Jenna Didier from an environmental design firm, Materials & Applications. It was agreed that additional research is needed.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Board & Commission Orientation

The City's Board & Commission Orientation on June 10 covered the format for City Government and the Brown Act. Commissioner Duncan cautioned the Commission to avoid violations of the Brown Act; all Commission business should be conducted in public. As a general rule, off-agenda discussion of agenda items or commission business among a quorum of commissioners is prohibited.

New Officers

Motions were made and approved for new Commission officers with Candy Duncan elected the Chair and Susannah Rosenthal, Vice Chair.

Children's Theater Proposal

The Children's Theater series proposal was reviewed and a motion passed to forward the proposal to Council for approval; the Children's theater series includes three performances a year. The projected cost for the series is \$25,000. It was noted the Commission's strong recommendation for the Children's Theater program should be presented to City Council. The Commission wants to maintain the public interest in children's theater by scheduling a program this September 20-21 or 27-28. With the purchase of the enhancements that expand the stage, use of the auditorium could be made available to the school district, library, churches and other service groups.

Staff reported that the Neptunian Society has recently offered use of their refurbished auditorium for the City use.

VII. ADJOURNMENT,

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

The July meeting is cancelled. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008