

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

October 8, 2013

City Manager's Conference Room
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner James Gill, Nancy Dunn, Russ Samuels, Loli Ramezani, Peter De Maria* *arrived at 6:10PM

Absent: None

Others Present: Recreation Manager, Gina Allen, Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Leyman

C. APPROVAL MINUTES

The minutes of the September 10, 2013, meeting was approved with the following amendments:

- Date of minutes should be changed to September 10
- Progressive only bench should be changed to including progressive looking
- Water blasted should be changed to sand blasted
- The concreted should be poured two inches thicker and not two feet thicker
- Sought out items should be changed to asked
- Correct Commissioner Ramezani's last name spelling

MOTION: Commission Ramezani made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013 with amendments. Commissioner Gill seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Gill, Dunn, Ramezani, Samuels, and De Maria

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion passes.

D. CEREMONIAL

None

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

F. CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER REPORT

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen spoke about City Council approving the extension of both the "Believe" and "Not a Step" sculptures for another year, the

contracts will be reviewed by the City Attorney. City Council also approved a stipend of \$3,000, an increase of \$500.

The current candidate for the open Cultural Arts Manager position is still being reviewed.

City Attorney reviewed the artist's changes on the contract for the "Light Gate" art piece, the changes were reviewed and accepted by the City Attorney, and the final draft has been given to Ms. Rebecca Ansert to discuss with the artist.

At the request of the Cultural Arts Commission, Ms. Allen provided an update on the balance of the Public Art Trust Fund which has an undesignated balance of \$83,890. The Commission still has \$150,000 for the library art piece, and \$129,581 for the Centennial Art piece still to be spent. Arts Manhattan still has \$5,290 that has not been collected for their art exhibitions.

The Commission discussed the current status of the Strand Alcove Bench program. This item is tentatively scheduled to be presented to City Council in November. Commissioner Samuels spoke about the artist not being able to break up the cost of the bench. Ms. Allen said that the manufacturer is no longer able to sell the master and mold, and the manufacturer is looking to create a master and mold for each bench design.

G. CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dunn announced the TEDx Manhattan Beach *Imagine That* event on November 16th, from 9AM – 3PM at Manhattan Beach Middle School. The cost is \$95.00. For more information visit the website tedxmanhattanbeach.com.

Commissioner Ramezani announced the *Sunscreen Film Festival West* in Manhattan Beach from October 11-13th, 2013. Friday, October 11th is the Opening Night Party 9:30PM - 12AM at Manhattan Beach Studios. Saturday, October 12th is the Ed Asner Lifetime Achievement Award 8PM - 9PM at Arlight Beach Cities and the Awards Ceremony and Saturday Party at Belamar Hotel from 9:15PM - 11PM. Sunday, October 13th is the Sunday After Party at Jackson's from 8PM - 12AM.

H. GENERAL BUSINESS

13/0208.1 Sculpture Garden

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen, as previously discussed, spoke about City Council approving the extension of both the "Believe" and "Not a Step" sculptures for another year, the contracts will be reviewed by the City Attorney. City Council also approved a stipend of \$3,000, an increase of \$500.

Commissioner DeMaria proposed to the Commission to select one Commissioner to be the main point person on the Sculpture Garden. The point person would consolidate all historical and timeline information. The Commission selected Commissioner DeMaria to be the point person.

I. COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Gill spoke about the minutes from Cultural Arts Commission, and City Council's ability to review them and the minute's accuracy. Commissioner Samuels was concerned that Council Members were misunderstanding the minutes.

Commissioner Gill presented several memos to the other Commissioners for approval to present to the City Council in order to provide clarification to Council Members.

Commissioner Dunn suggested sending just one memo to City Council and not several. Commissioner Dunn also inquired about the joint meeting between City Council and the Cultural Arts Commission.

Director Leyman stated that City Council has provided clear direction that all of the commissions give guidance on what specific items they would like to discuss. Director Leyman said it would be helpful if a memo or staff report could be drafted with each of the items, a description of the project and what items would be discussed with that project, a timeline of the project and any financial impact.

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen asked Commissioner Gill to email the memos to her so she can provide them to City Council Members. Recreation Manager Allen also suggested to the Commission that they review their items and prioritize them.

The Commission reviewed the items that they had previously prioritized back in July's meeting. The Commission reprioritized the following items: the Strand Alcove Bench Program, the Ansel Adams art exhibit, sister city art in city hall and the Harold Roach art piece.

Commissioner Dunn further suggested separating the projects between ongoing items and new items.

Commissioner Ramezani brought up the *Doors on Doors* art project at city hall. It was again suggested that *Doors on Doors* be part of the Sculpture Garden.

Director Leyman reiterated that the location the artist requested for the *Doors on Doors* art project is not one of the City Council approved Sculpture Garden Program locations; therefore, the Commission would need to request the City Council to discuss it.

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen reminded the Commission that if there is a new project they would like to discuss, there needs to be a consensus and a motion from the Commission to bring the item to City Council.

Commissioner Samuels then asked the rest of the Commission what direction they wanted to take in presenting the *Doors on Doors* art project to City Council.

Commissioner Dunn felt it would be interesting to update the guidelines for the sculpture garden.

Recreation Services Manager Allen reminded the Commission that if they wanted to change their guidelines, it would delay the invitations for the new sculpture garden.

MOTION: Commissioner Dunn made a motion to seek City Council's approval to discuss the Alison Wright *Doors on Doors* project. Commissioner Samuels seconded the motion.

MOTION DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Samuels clarified that the Commission would like for the *Doors on Doors* project to be separate from the Sculpture Garden.

Commissioner Gill confirmed Commissioner Samuels' statement and explained that the reason the *Doors on Doors* project need to be separate was because it did not meet the Sculpture Garden's guidelines.

Ayes: Commissioner Dunn, Ramezani, Samuels, and De Maria

Noes: Commissioner Gill

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion passes.

Commissioner Dunn was designated as the Commission member to write the memo to City Council expressing support for the Alison Wright *Doors on Doors* project.

Commissioner Gill inquired about the new bench designs and the cost of the benches in the new brochure.

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen stated the cost of the benches have been left out of the brochure, due to the fact that there may be potential fluctuations in the costs of the benches based on market values.

Commissioner Samuels asked if there are any additional costs such as delivery or tax.

Ms. Allen said the only additional costs would be if the donor wanted a plaque included with the bench. The plaque is not required.

Commissioner Samuels asked about the approved colors for the benches.

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen stated there is an approved color chart with six colors.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramezani made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gill seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Gill, Dunn, Ramezani, Samuels, and De Maria

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.