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CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
August 29, 2006
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) of the City of Manhattan Beach met on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 in City Managers Conference Room at 6:05 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners
Sharon Greco- Chair
Shelby Phillips- Vice Chair
Candy Duncan
Francey Seckinger

PAAC Committee Members Absent: Jill Will
Dean Nota, Donna Grossman, Alison Wright, & Don Spencer

Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were postponed.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

06/0829.5 Strand Alcove Bench Project

The Commission and the PAAC committee reviewed a model submitted by artist, Stacy Dukes; a bench proposal and rendering by Lita Albuquerque and Mitchell de Jarnett; and Harvey Silverman's renderings.

Stacy Dukes' proposal:

- Mr. Dukes' bench model is a recycled resin material which is an environmentally sensitive material. The material samples presented offered varied colors named "Wabi-Sabi."

- This bench could become a multiple design option included in the artist pool. The Strand project would alternate this simplified form with other chosen designs.
- The panel liked the bench design and the style was thought to have some flair; and the back side was less furniture-like.
- It was agreed that Mr. Dukes' bench drawings needed to be refined or be computer generated.
- One PAAC member thought the lower portion of the bench needed a developed resolution.
- One PACC member questioned if the artist has made a site visit to the Strand and it was confirmed the artist had been there.

Lita Albuquerque + Mitchell De Jarnett proposal:

- "...the Manhattan Beach Strand is a simple piece of urban furniture which operates in a multiplicity of ways. It is a public amenity, a device for imaging the local environment and an instrument orienting the sitter to the cardinal points of the compass."
- The design was not what the panel expected and thought to be "monumental" in scale. The bench is constructed of reinforced shotcrete over a shaped foam core. It will have a smooth, steel trowel finish.
- The bench is equipped with a "visor" which is sheathed on its under-face with a thin sheet of mirror-polished marine-bronze.
- The height of the quarter circle arc above the seat appeared top heavy.
- One PAAC member commented that the "wing" portion needed a weighted base.
- Scale not appropriate for the Strand as it could block homeowner's view of the ocean.
- The solar axis is an interesting idea.
- The panel did not choose to forward this submission to City Council.

Harvey Silverman's proposal:

- Silverman's standardized bench renderings have a towel draped at one end of the bench.
- His bench designs varied as did the towel colors but otherwise presented a standard looking bench.
- A vote was taken with the decision not to present this submission to City Council.

Philippe Starck chair grouping:

This concept as an answer to the Alcove/Bench project had been reviewed previously and was revisited with the following considerations:

- A white square-shaped chair that is off-the-shelf adorned with colorful mosaic or a black and white motif.
- The legality of altering a copy-right design (by painting or applying mosaic tiles to the chair) was also considered unethical.
- A vote was taken and determined this design would not be presented City Council.

06/0829.6 City Entry Ways

- The contracts from the two design teams, DeVa Communications and Graphic Solutions, for phase I and II were reviewed. Costs for entryway and logo design renderings total \$11,500 (DeVa Communications - \$5,000. and Graphic Solutions - \$6,500.)
- The Commission's motion to submit the contracts to City Council for approval was passed.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUISNESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners adjourned at 8:43 pm