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CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
July 11th, 2006
6:00 p.m.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) of the City of Manhattan Beach met on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 in City Council Chambers at 6:10 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:	Commissioners	PAAC Members
	Sharon Greco- Chair	Donna Grossman
	Shelby Phillips- Vice Chair	Dean Nota
	Candy Duncan	Don Spencer
	Susannah Rosenthal	Jill Will
	Francey Seckinger	Alsion Wright

Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager
Maya L. Thomas, Visual Arts Coordinator

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Postpone review

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

06/0711.4 Stand Alcove Bench Project

The Alcove/Bench project update is as follows:

- Cultural Arts Commission and PAAC members selected five proposals for the project, but none of the five proposals had the full support of the Commission or the Public Art Advisory Committee members.
- The Cultural Arts Commission and the City Council held a joint meeting to review current projects. The City Council presented their vision of the Alcove/Bench project with the following criteria: designs that are not too artsy, but simple, subtle, and they should not distract from the beach. No Guadi-like designs. Council asked the Commission to submit more than five bench proposals to present a range of designs.

- After hearing the comments made by City Council members, the PAAC and the Cultural Arts Commission are concerned with the current proposals chosen for the Alcove/Bench Project. The basis for these selections was the following criteria: high artistic quality, colorful, comfortable, enhance beach experience and benches create an art walk along the Strand.

Further discussion focused on possible solutions for this project.

- Holding meetings with the five finalists at this time with regard to new criteria could discredit the project and the Commission.
- A PAAC member suggested the option of off-the-shelf benches (ready made) that are designed by famous artists. Or, give the Council the opportunity to see a range of three alternative designs that are along the lines of the Council's vision.
- Another idea was to fill the alcoves with benches by different artists on a temporary basis and allow for community feed back.
- The idea of adorning a ready-made form was discussed. One example would be to use a Philippe Stark designed chair; then an artist would cover the chair with mosaic tiles. This prompted concerns with the integrity of such a compromise.
- It was pointed out there was no one view coming from the Council, and they are not of one mind. The need for enhanced communication and education with the Council was mentioned.
- Direction is needed for the five finalists' proposals.
- The Cultural Arts Commission and PAAC have met several times and none of the five finalists have the full support of the panel.
- In summary, there are five that reflect the first criteria. These proposals, along with alternative designs and ready-made benches, will be presented to the Council. Not to present these designs is a disservice to the process.

06/0711.5 City Entry Ways

There are two design companies, Graphic Solutions and DeVa, under consideration. They both submitted contracts and these were reviewed by the Commission.

- A Commissioner asked an outside source to review the contract and present those opinions to the Commission. Those issues will be taken under advisement.
- Graphic Solutions' contract included a total cost for all the project phases; DeVa has been asked to include the last phase of the project and the subsequent costs.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUISNESS

The contract for design consultants George & Goldberg was approved for review of the Joslyn Center space.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners adjourned at 8:30 pm