

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

October 14th, 2014
Manhattan Beach City Council Chambers
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Dunn, May, Samuels and Gill

Absent: Commissioner Ramezani

Others Present: Cultural Arts Manager, Martin Betz; Recording Secretary, Linda Robb

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Samuels moved to approve the September 9, 2014 minutes with Commissioner Dunn's request to add the attendance footnote. Commissioner Dunn seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, May, Samuels and Gill

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Ramezani

The motion passed.

E. CEREMONIAL

None

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chairperson Dunn opened the floor to audience participation; seeing none, the floor was closed.

G. STAFF ITEMS

Cultural Arts Manager Martin Betz reported that a new exhibit, *Biliana Popova Ceramic Works* will be opening soon, all commissioners are invited to join on Friday, October 17th.

Commissioner Dunn inquired about the informational signs for the current sculpture garden. She asked if there is a link to more information on the plaques that have been ordered. Mr. Betz answered that there are not for this installation but that could be added on future installations.

Mr. Betz distributed the social media business card. Instagram and Twitter are up and running with Facebook to follow soon. He stated that Recreation Services Manager, Gina

Allen is supervising the social media campaign. The commissioners would like to use #MBArts for postings.

Mr. Betz informed the Commission that the Decommissioning Policy is under review with the City Attorney.

Mr. Betz reported that the proposal for the repair and restoration of the Harold Roach sculpture was approved by City Council.

Holiday pottery sale: November 22nd in the Joslyn Center Sunrise room 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All pottery being sold is produced by people taking classes with the City.

Mr. Betz distributed the Arts Center schedule through 2015.

James Gill inquired about the balance of the Public Art Trust Fund. Mr. Betz responded that he has not received a new report.

Commissioner Gill inquired about the Miguel Angel Velasquez mural. Mr. Betz responded that the decision to unveil it is in the hands of the City Council. Commissioner Dunn inquired if there is tracking system for issues that have been requested to be agendized with City Council but that have not yet been addressed.

Commissioner Gill inquired about the Strand Stair Improvement Project. Mr. Betz stated that the design plans are complete.

Commissioner Samuels inquired about updating the catalog with the three new approved designs. Mr. Betz will review the approved designs.

Commissioner Dunn asked if an updated Strand Bench brochure could be put on the website even if it isn't physically printed yet. Mr. Betz stated that the website could be updated.

Mr. Betz stated that the new Shell Bench is not being well received. The Shell Bench is currently on hold.

A citizen will be presenting a new bench in February. He is currently working with an artist.

Commissioner Dunn requested an update to the Strand Bench Program brochure to add the new designs and better explanation.

It was decided that the November 11th Cultural Arts Commission meeting will be rescheduled to Thursday, November 6th, 2014 due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

H. COMMISSION ITEMS:

Commissioner Samuels stated that the LA County Arts Commission meeting will be held Thursday, October 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner May announced that there is an art show for the Redondo Art Group, of which she is a member. The reception will be at the Redondo Beach Library Main branch on Friday, 10/17/2014. It is a community show. Anyone can be a member of the Redondo Art Group and any member can show their work at the show. The Redondo Beach Arts Group has been

approached by the Beach Cities Health District to do a mural at AdventurePlex. She expressed the need for a Manhattan Beach artists group.

Redondo Beach Art District is having a show at 608 North Francisca and there is a show at Ego nearby (address unknown), both on October 24th.

Commissioner May stated that the damaged blue bench she referred to in last month's meeting is located at 19th and Strand.

Commissioner Dunn attended the ribbon cutting for Northrup Grumman's Fab Lab. The event was also attended by Al Muratsuchi. The idea for Fab Lab originated at Leadership Manhattan Beach. It is a 5,000 sq. ft. new space on Manhattan Beach Blvd. Mr. Betz asked if it would be possible to tour the Fab Lab. Commissioner Dunn said she thought that would be possible and will let everyone know if it happens.

Commissioner Dunn reported that she is on the TEDX Manhattan Beach committee as a speaker coach. It will be held on November 15, called Game Changers. Mira Costa Robotics and others will be displaying. She highly encouraged everyone to buy tickets early.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

14/0812.1 – Sculpture Garden Competition 2015 – Mr. Betz reported that the 2015 Sculpture Garden proposal was approved by City Council adding the new location. The initial applications will be submitted to Mr. Betz electronically and will then be presented to the Commission to decide who goes to the next phase. This two stage process will eliminate the need for every applicant to submit a model. Mr. Betz would like to publish the RFP as soon as possible.

Commissioner Dunn requested that the date schedule be bulleted from submission deadline and all steps through installation. Mr. Betz stated that this would be added in for the final RFP.

Commissioner Gill moved to approve the RFP with the addition of the Calendar. Commissioner Samuels seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, May, Samuels and Gill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Ramezani

The motion passes.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dunn moved to adjourn. Commissioner Gill seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, May, Samuels and Gill

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Ramezani