

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
JUNE 13, 2006**

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 13th day of June, 2006, at the hour of 6:38 p.m., at the Belamar Hotel, 3501 North Sepulveda Boulevard, in said City.

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council: Aldinger, Montgomery, Fahey, Tell and Mayor Ward.
Cultural Arts Commission: Phillips, Duncan, Rosenthal and Chairman Greco.
Staff: City Manager Dolan, Parks & Recreation Director Gill and Cultural Arts Manager Purner.

Absent: Seckinger.

Clerk: Dolan (Acting).

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following individual spoke against the presence of memorial benches on the Strand:

- **Bill Arledge, No Address Provided**

In response to **Mr. Arledge's** comments, City Manager Geoff Dolan explained that the existing benches will be reinstated as part of the renovation plan; that the first memorial bench did go through Council; that the second one was approved administratively; and that the third bench prompted a moratorium on the placement of memorial benches on the Strand.

Further discussion centered on the legality of those early contracts and the need for additional research in this area.

SCHEDULED

06/0613.1 General Discussion Regarding Cultural Arts Commission Issues

Community Facility Strategic Plan

Councilmember Aldinger gave a status report on the Community Facility Strategic Plan:

- MDA Johnson Favaro, Consultants for the project, have an excellent track record with Culver City and West Hollywood
- A bond to fund a multigenerational facility for Manhattan Beach may be considered
- A Public Hearing process and a Resident's Steering Committee are planned in the fall
- Input is being sought from Manhattan Beach Unified School District's "7/11" Meetings
- Another management firm option was suggested, by Councilmember Greco, Stone Yamoshita, who worked with Nike and Apple

City Entryways

- Consider implementing Pier and round house as iconic image for signage
- City logo update was addressed as uniquely Manhattan Beach
- Entryway signage should incorporate the logo
- Consider differences within each area of city
- Commission will submit two or three design variations for the four entry signs
- Cost range indicated at approximately \$2,000-\$3,000 for artist

Strand Alcove/Bench Project

- Commission and Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) are in mid process
- Five finalists will make a presentation to the Commissioners & PAAC
- Proposals vary in completeness and a dialogue with artists is needed
- The project standard needs to be clarified
- Bench criteria discussed: not too artsy, simple, classic, subtle, shouldn't detract from the beach, blends in, and comfortable (gaudy-like designs are out)
- Current selections do not meet the standard

Sculpture Garden

- Project was part of the 2002 City Council Work Plan
- 9/11 Memorial Project and Strand Alcove/Bench Projects took precedence over the Sculpture Garden
- Project involves 5-10 temporary sculptures placed within the parkway, Metlox and the Police & Fire Facility for one year (lighting and pads are required)
- It was suggested that the number of works be less than 10
- Public Art programs in Beverly Hills and New York were discussed
- The idea of whimsical sculpture was mentioned and it's wide appeal to children
- The garden is primarily for the residents and not an attraction point
- Council was supportive of moving forward with further planning for the Sculpture Garden

Theatre

- Commissioner Phillips gave an overview of theater proposals under consideration
- Children's summer theater performed at the City's different park locations similar to programs in Long Beach and Torrance
- The play, *Fantastiks*, may be performed by an independent theatre group at the 13th Street Plaza two weekends in July
- It was recommended to focus on theatre that is sophisticated and classy as a guideline for the dramas and comedies selected
- An example was cited of "From to Park to Park" theater in Valencia
- A design consultant is under consideration that can create four configurations that would allow theatre presentations in the Joslyn Center
- It's important to stress that the Joslyn Center is a start up theatre space and that children's theatre needs to be done correctly
- Council approval is needed for these projects and for Art Trust spending
- Use of the Council Chambers for theatre was revisited but the Council majority did not want to pursue it further

- Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill will prepare agenda consent materials for the Joslyn Consultant proposal

Other - Metlox Thursday Nights

- Summer series, Thursday Nights, will offer the community a range of entertainment (movies, play readings, barber shop quartets, jazz, etc)
- These events will take place at the 13th Street plaza or Metlox plaza.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned with the City Council adjourning to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

GEOFF DOLAN
Recording Secretary

MITCH WARD
Mayor

ATTEST:

TERRI ALIABADI
Acting City Clerk