

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

November 13th, 2014
Manhattan Beach City Council Chambers
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Dunn, May and Samuels

Absent: Commissioner Gill and Ramezani

Others present: Recording Secretary, Linda Robb*

*Cultural Arts Manager, Martin Betz was unable to attend due to a family emergency.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dunn moved to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes as written.

Commissioner Samuels seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, May and Samuels

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Commissioner Gill and 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

Copies of the Public Arts Trust Fund summary, Public Art Decommissioning Policy and updated Strand Alcove Bench Program brochure were distributed but not formally discussed as the liason was not present to provide updates.

Commissioner Samuels commented that the photo of "Wave II" could be better as it does not clearly show that the bench has a back.

Commissioner May commented that several "Wave I" benches are broken and scratched.

Commissioner Samuels inquired about the Shell bench and whether the two benches were still on the Strand. It was confirmed that the benches are there and have been coated to ease cleaning and to keep the dirt from sticking.

Commissioner Dunn stated that her recollection of the color of the Shell bench was a much more muted blue. Commissioners Dunn and Samuels requested to see the original sample of the bench.

Commissioner May stated that the Shell bench is not comfortable. When sitting, it sticks in the back. The seat area is too deep and the double seating area is curved in such a way that if two people are sitting together, they are falling in on each other. Also there is only room for three people whereas she has seen the original terra cotta design seat ten people.

Commissioner Samuels stated that the Commissioners should all go experience the bench themselves so they can compare what was presented to what was delivered. He feels that complaints regarding maintenance can be addressed right away. He stated that if there are complaints regarding the artistic aspects of the bench, that is personal opinion and not everyone will always be pleased. If the complaints are because the bench is not functional, then that is a major problem. He stated that a bench that can't be used as a bench is a major problem.

Commissioner Dunn opened the floor to public comment. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

H. COMMISSION ITEMS:

Commissioner May announced that the deadline for submissions to Mayor Powell's "Why I ♥ MB" exhibition is December 17th. The exhibition will be held in City Hall from January 30th – February 20th, 2015. Submissions will be accepted electronically for any media type with a size limit of three feet. You must be a resident of or taking a class in Manhattan Beach to submit.

Commissioner May announced art shows at Destination: Art, South Bay Contemporary, Ego Fine Art, the Loft, Plaza Riviera and 608 North and reiterated the need to have more shows in Manhattan Beach with local artists.

Commissioner Dunn invited the Commissioners to the TedX Conference "Game Changers" taking place November 15th. She also announced an ESMOA exhibit, ADN Guardhouse Opening and Home Movies from the GDR.

Commissioner Dunn opened the floor to public comment. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS:

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dunn moved to adjourn. Commissioner May seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, May, Samuels

Nayes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Commissioners Gill and Ramezani