

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

April 14, 2015

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, Gill, Samuels, May, Ramezani\*

Absent:

\*Commissioner Ramezani arrived at 6:06

Others present: Cultural Arts Manager, Martin Betz and Recording Secretary, Linda Robb

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gill moved to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes with the change listed. Commissioner Ramezani seconded the motion.

Commissioner May requested that the words “works for hire are excluded” be added to the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph on page 3 for clarification.

The motion passed.

Ayes: Commissioners May, Ramezani, Samuels and Gill

Nays: none

Abstain: Commissioner Dunn

Absent: none

**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, Mr. Betz distributed invitations to the Feelgood Festival, a collaboration of Cultural Arts and Sports Divisions to produce a festival that encompasses whole body wellness.

Commissioner Dunn inquired about the timing of the Ansel Adams exhibition. Mr. Betz stated he would check the schedule and that he is working on that.

Commissioner Ramezani asked to be informed ahead of time of things involving Cultural Arts so that the Commissioners can offer feedback and start talking about and promoting the events to the public.

Friday will be the opening for the Mira Costa High School Art Show. There are 150 participants and the art was juried today and prizes will be awarded. The reception will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The jurors were professional artists. Commissioner Dunn suggested that perhaps in the future, a commissioner could be invited to be a juror. Commissioner Dunn stated that the attendees will be a great audience to market what is going on with Cultural Arts in the City. This is a great opportunity to talk about and garner new excitement for the upcoming programs. Mr. Betz stated that FOLA is the host of the event.

Commissioner Ramezani stated that promoting Cultural Arts on social media would also attract a younger crowd. Commissioner May suggested also contacting La Vista (Mira Costa newspaper) to promote events.

Update on Sculpture Garden finalists - Mr. Betz showed the Powerpoint presentation that was shown to the City Council for their final approval.

The following locations are being considered:

Butterfly – Civi Plaza or Veterans Parkway

Rocketship – Art Center

Egrets – Civic Plaza or Metlox Plaza

Dragon Tales – Metlox Plaza

Puff of Wind – Civic Plaza

Zeppelinus – by the elevator to underground parking at the corner of City Hall parking lot

The pieces should to be installed at the end of June. Mr Betz is working on getting the contracts together.

Commissioner Ramezani and Samuels agreed that it would be nice to have the reception at the Art Center but the piece would need to be in place.

#### **H. COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Commissioner Ramezani stated that Leadership Manhattan Beach worked with Mimi Anderson with the landscaping. Ms. Anderson shared the research she had done regarding the Harold Roach sculpture placement and would be willing to come speak to the Commission.

Commissioner May announced that the Grand Opening of the library will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00. She stated that the artist commissioned for the library art piece, may be present at the grand opening.

Commissioner Gill asked about what is coming for the future. Mr. Betz stated that the Art Lab is on the City Council agenda to approve for discussion.

Commissioner Samuels asked about creating the guidelines for the Strand Bench program, separate from the process of getting a piece accepted into the catalog. Commissioner Samuels stated that the commission would like to create a master plan for the catalog, designating the number, types and prices of benches, etc. Mr. Betz suggested the Commission look at the policy that is being presented to the City Council. Commissioner Dunn agreed that the Commission should create a master plan for the bench program, separate from the policies and procedures and it should be put on the May agenda for discussion. Commissioner Ramezani mentioned that functionality should be defined in the master plan.

Commissioner Gill asked for an update on the Public Arts Trust Fund. Mr. Betz will email the budget report to the commissioners.

Decommissioning plan – Mr. Betz to email decommissioning plan to commissioners for review and add to agenda.

Commissioner Gill recommended that Mr. Betz take more comprehensive notes in order to keep everything moving forward.

Commissioner Dunn inquired about the progress of the Strand Stairs. Mr. Betz stated that he thought they were going back out to bid. Commissioner May stated that she thought that a bid had been accepted.

Commissioner May stated that the Light Gate film should have Peter DeMaria's name on it instead of hers.

Ann Pitts, resident addressed the Commission and thanked them for the placement of the two new turquoise Strand Benches.

**I. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

None

**J. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner May moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ramezani seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, May, Ramezani, Samuels and Gill

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none