



**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

October 15, 2018

6:00 PM

**Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Ave.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

A G E N D A

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Fred Manna
Commissioner Elizabeth Rubino
Commissioner Jacquelyne May

Commissioner Shannon Ryan
Commissioner Orhan Taner
Commissioner Grayson Matsumoto

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

E. CEREMONIAL

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit)

The public may address the Commission regarding City business not on the agenda.

G. STAFF ITEMS

Cultural Arts Division update-Stewart
City Council updates (Sculpture garden)

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

18/1015.01 Sculpture Garden 2018-19 revisit submissions

18/1015.02 Murals in Manhattan Beach locations in City facilities

J. ADJOURNMENT

TO:
Cultural Arts Commission

FROM:
Martin Betz, Cultural Arts Manager

SUBJECT:
Sculpture Garden Finalists 2018-2019 Revisited
Approve

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend five finalists from the original submissions addressing the City Council request that they be: colorful, whimsical, and have some motion (if applicable). Recommend the addition of two proposed locations and the possible purchase of a sculpture from the last competition.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council directed staff to return to the Cultural Arts Commission with a revised list of Sculpture Garden finalists and provide recommendations to the City Council considering works that are whimsical, movable, or colorful. In addition, the City Council is seeking recommendation on two additional locations for sculpture and the possible purchase of Dragon Tales, by Rick Randall.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The program will be supported through the Public Art Trust Fund. At the October 17, 2018 City Council meeting, \$36,500.00, appropriated from the Public Arts Trust Fund, was approved and committed to the Sculpture Garden program. An additional \$24,000.00 will be allocated for two artists and \$17,000.00 for the purchase of Dragon Tales. The current allocated balance including the Sculpture Garden funding is \$288,789.70. The unallocated balance as of 10/4/2018 is \$1,134,597.18.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the City's 2002 Work Plan, City Council directed the Cultural Arts Commission to begin research and to create a proposal for an outdoor Sculpture Garden. The artworks contained in the garden would rotate on an annual basis.

The purpose of the Sculpture Garden is to display a variety of public artworks in a community setting that prompts the viewer to appreciate the broader meaning of public art. In addition, the Sculpture Garden brings enjoyment to residents and visitors while cultivating a sense of community pride.

The Sculpture Garden's inaugural installation took place in June 2009 with seven sculptures exhibited at three sites: Civic Center, Veteran's Memorial Parkway, and

Metlox 13th Street corner. Many positive responses were received from community members who expressed appreciation for the addition of these artworks in the Civic Center. The program has been successfully implemented over the past nine years.

In order to upgrade the quality of the submissions, in 2017 the City Council approved the following changes to the Sculpture Garden program:

- Reduce the number of artists from six to three.
- Increase the stipend for each artist from \$3,000.00 to \$12,000.00
- Extend the term from one year to two years.

DISCUSSION:

At the Cultural Arts Commission's June 18, 2018 meeting, the Commissioners reviewed the finalist's submissions for the 2018-2019 installation (Four finalists had been chosen and one withdrew). Each Commissioner shared their opinions and comments on the submissions and their locations.

After reviewing the finalist's models and proposals, the following three sculptures were selected for recommendation to City Council:

1. Jenna Gibson, *Untitled*, 2018-2019 5' X 12', Aluminum spheres
2. Patricia Vader, *How's Traffic Today*, 18' X 9' X 5' Powder coated Steel and Aluminum.
3. Timothy McHargue, *Beach Bubbles*, 12' X 10'X4' Acrylic and Steel

At the September 4, City Council meeting, the Council directed staff to return to the Cultural Arts Commission for a revised list of Sculpture Garden finalists and provide alternative recommendations. The City Council also asked for a recommendation of two additional locations and to discuss the possibility of purchasing *Dragon Tales*, by Rick Randall.

DATE: October 15, 2018

TO:

Members of the Cultural Arts Commission

FROM:

Martin Betz, Cultural Arts Manager

SUBJECT:

Murals in Manhattan Beach- Mural locations within City facilities

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Cultural Arts Commission discuss and approve the locations of murals within City facilities and make the recommendation to the City Council.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

With the approval of the City Council this phase of the *Murals in Manhattan Beach* would potentially impact the Public Art trust fund in the following manner: \$50,000 of the approved \$150,000 budget would be allocated.

DISCUSSION:

On September 19, 2017, City Council approved the acceptable uses for the Public Art Trust Fund, which includes the commission and installation of murals throughout the City. In the first phase of the project, mural locations on City property are being considered.

The Art in Public Places Committee has recommended the following locations:

1. Parking garage in Civic Center, includes three possible locations
2. Elevator structure in Civic Center parking lot
3. Joslyn Community Center entry wall
4. Metlox Plaza south-facing wall
5. North Side of Pay N Play Racquetball facility in Marine Avenue Park
6. (added)East wall at skate spot located in Marine Avenue Park

Proposed Mural
locations,
City facilities, Manhattan
Beach -final choices

1. Parking Garage in Civic Center(all locations go to one artist to choose.) **yes**
Pros-Great Instagram possibilities
Cons-Low visibility and access during the week days.



1. Ramp into
parking Structure,
Civic Center



1. Ramp, south facing View



2. Elevator
Structure,
North East end of
Civic Center
Parking Lot **yes**
Pros-High Visibility,
Enhance eyesore
structure.



3. Joslyn
Community
Center, entry
facing east **yes**
pros- prominent
location needs
appropriate
subject matter
Cons-political



4. Metlox Plaza,
South of
Fountain **Yes**
Pros-great selfie
location
good location for
interactive mural
Cons-none



5. North Side of
Racquet Ball facility
Marine Ave. Park **yes**
Pros -great visuals
from many directions,
sport theme,
eliminate bushes,
Cons- whole building
needs paint.



Marine Ave
Skatepark,
East wall-
great location
for theme
based mural
with possible
community
participation

