

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

May 16, 2022

Meeting by teleconference (Zoom) – in accordance with procedures on agenda
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marcy called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Manna, Spackman, Tokashiki, Vice Chair Rubino, Chair Marcy

Absent: None

Staff present: Mark Leyman, Parks and Recreation Director, Linda Robb, Parks and Recreation Senior Management Analyst, Rosemary Lackow, Recording Secretary.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18, 2022

It was moved and seconded (Manna/Rubino) to approve as submitted. The motion carried 4-1 by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Manna, Spackman, Tokashiki, Vice Chair Rubino

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Chair Marcy

D. CEREMONIAL – None

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (3-Minute Limit) – None

F. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion of 2022 Work Plan items

- a. Rainbow Crosswalk:** Director Leyman reported: the downtown crosswalk near the pier will be installed next week, and staff is working with an artist to establish a timeline for the park gazebo crosswalk; will let Commission know if a ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned.
- b. MBAC Revamp Project:** Vice Chair Rubino reported that the Leadership Manhattan Beach (LMB) mural at the Art Center was very successful and, except for some touch-up the project is completed and looks great. The installation was a true community event with about 200 participants. Commissioner Manna, who participated, complimented LMB on the project's success.
- c. Art Grant – Utility Beautification:** no new information to report.
- d. Art Grant – Murals:** no new information to report.
- e. Art Grant – Digital Wall Art:** Director Leyman indicated staff is still working with Public Works to develop a timeline for the installation of the display – no new information at this time.
- f. Art Grant – Performing Arts:** Vice Chair Rubino noted that she expects the committee may need to meet with CAM Stewart to rework the draft document. Commissioner Tokashiki noted that the Shakespeare in the Park program has received funding for this summer's program.

- g. **Art Grant – Sculpture Garden** (temporary works): no new information.
- h. **Art Grant – Permanent Sculpture:** Director Leyman reported that the “Red Circle” sculpture by C.J. Rensch is still in the process of being purchased by the City but currently staff is waiting for some information on costs from the artist due to some changes needed for the permanent piece.
- i. **Art Grant – School Education:** no new information to report; while still in the Work Plan, it was clarified that this program has been deemed to be a lower priority at this time.

2. Selection of 2022-2023 Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Marcy called for a motion; it was moved and seconded (Tokashiki/Manna) that Commissioner Rubino be appointed Chair and Commissioner Spackman, Vice Chair for the 2022-23 term.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Manna, Spackman, Tokashiki, Vice Chair Rubino, Chair Marcy

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Senior Analyst Robb explained the rule for rotation of the Chair/Vice Chair positions: selection is by seniority by date appointed, and in the event that two commissioners were appointed on the same date, the Commissioner with the higher seat number has seniority. In the case of Commissioners Spackman and Tokashiki, both appointed June 1, 2021, but Commissioner Spackman (seat 3) has seniority because Commissioner Tokashiki serves as seat 4.

Commissioner Rubino expressed her appreciation for being selected to serve as Chair and also for Chair Marcy’s chairmanship.

G. STAFF ITEMS

Director Leyman/Sr. Analyst Robb reported:

- **MBAC exhibition “Out of the Mold”** opening, held last Friday, was well attended, including the majority of the CAC Commissioners, the event was successful and the new Glaze Lab is now open.
- **MBEF Donor Wall:** the City Council will have a second discussion on this project at tomorrow’s meeting (May 17). The Council continued its review due to some concerns.
- **Scout House project:** City Council will review the MOU agreement between the City, the Friends of the Senior and Scout Community Center, and MB Property Owners at tomorrow’s meeting. The MOU will spell out the use of the center for the various users. Director Leyman stated he will be happy to share details with any interested Commissioners, but a significant issue was that the cost of construction has recently significantly increased, necessitating increasing the city funding.
- **Public Arts Trust Fund:** a report was not available.
- **New CAC members:** Suzanne Karger will replace Commissioner Manna and the student commissioner will be Riya Attam.

Director Leyman expressed appreciation for Chair Marcy’s excellent leadership as Chair over the past year as well as for Commissioner Fred Manna’s six years of service on this and prior Parks and Recreation Commission, and these expressions were echoed by Commissioners Rubino, Tokashiki and Spackman.

H. COMMISSION ITEMS

Chair Marcy thanked Commissioner Manna for his service, noting he will be sorely missed and all Commissioners joined with personal gratitude and comments. Commissioner Manna thanked all, commenting that he enjoyed his service and will be looking forward to seeing improvements at the Art Center come to fruition. He has been asked to lead another “Art Walk” and Commissioner Tokashiki noted that she would be very interested in attending and/or assisting if needed.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 P.M, with no objection, Chair Marcy adjourned the meeting to June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.