

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

Special Meeting

July 27, 2011

Manhattan Beach City Hall

1400 Highland Avenue

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Noon

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Peter De Maria, Chair
Russ Samuels, Vice Chair
Nancy Humbarger
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

Absent: Susannah Rosenthal
Susan Sweeney

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

01/0614.31 Sculpture Garden Program

The following submissions for the 2011 Sculpture Garden Program were reviewed by the Cultural Arts Commission:

<u>Artist</u>	<u>Sculpture Title</u>
Nina Karavasiles	<i>Windwish</i>
Deana Mando	<i>Abbey The Sea Sprite</i>
Frank Mando	<i>Moriah – Spirit of the Wind</i>
Jason Manley	<i>Believe</i>
Christian Tedeschi	<i>Not a Step</i>
David Thefeld	<i>Kisses</i>

<u>Artist</u>	<u>Sculpture Title</u>
Jim Trask	<i>Tiptoe Through the Two Lips</i>
Steven L. Rieman	<i>The Tree Hugger</i> <i>Tropic Birds</i>
Amos Robinson	<i>Celestial Sailor</i> <i>The Bicycle</i>

The Commission discussed the art works that they believed were accessible: *Moriah*, and the three kinetic sculptures *Celestial Sailor*, *Tree Hugger* and *Tropic Birds*

The two sculptures that called for more explanation are *Believe* and *Not a Step*. *Believe* was inspired by the multitude of electric signs and marquees that fill an urban landscape. The open ended word invites the viewer to complete the meaning, and the sculpture's glowing green lights promote awareness to society's focus on green technology and clean energy.

The sculpture titled, *Not a Step*, is a departure from the conventional use of wooden ladders. The artist reinvents this utilitarian object through a new configuration where 13 A-frame ladders form a new symmetrical art piece. This new form implies movement while it remains stationary.

The Cultural Arts Commission selected the following six sculptures for recommendation to City Council for next year's Sculpture Garden:

Frank Mando	<i>Moriah – Spirit of the Wind</i> 12' H, Welded Steel, Fiberglass, Foam & resin
Jason Manley	<i>Believe –</i> <i>15' Height x 15' wide x 6 depth</i> Solar panel generated electrical source
Christian Tedeschi	<i>Not a Step</i> 13 – A-Frame Ladders 13' H x 27' W
Steven L. Rieman	<i>The Tree Hugger</i> Stainless Steel, 9'H x 4.5' W x 2' D

Steven L. Rieman

Tropic Birds

Bronze, stainless and weathered
Steel – 14'H x 6' diameter
Kinetic sculpture moves from a
Horizontal to a vertical
position

Amos Robinson

Celestial Sailor

Kinetic sculpture 54" H x 54"H x 29"L
Stainless steel, polished and painted

IV. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission's Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.