

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

September 13, 2011
Manhattan Beach City Hall
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Peter De Maria, Chair
Commissioner Nancy Humbarger
Commissioner Susan Sweeney
Commissioner Susannah Rosenthal
Sharon Greco, Ad Hoc Committee Member
Alison Wright, Ad Hoc Committee Member
Megumi Sando, Acting Cultural Arts Manager
Vicky Huynh, Recreation Leader II
Absent: Commissioner Russ Samuels, Vice Chair

III. APPROVAL MINUTES

The minutes of the July 27, 2011, and September 6, 2011, Cultural Arts Commission Special Meetings were approved as written. The minutes of the August 9, 2011, meeting were approved as amended to reflect the list of artists and their works in an attachment.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

01/0614.32 Sculpture Garden Program 2012

The Cultural Art Commission's selection for the 2011-2012 sculpture garden was introduced to the Ad Hoc Committee for their review.

The six pieces selected at the August 9, 2011, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting were *Mariah*, *Spirit of the Wind* by Frank Mando, *Celestial Sailor* by Amos Robinson, *The Tree Hugger* and *Tropic Birds* by Steven Rieman, *Not a Step* by Christian Tedeschi, and *Believe, Green* by Jason Manley. The Ad Hoc Committee discussed the selected pieces, the comments included:

- The Ad Hoc Committee expressed concern regarding the locations, safety, and accessibility of *Believe, Green* by Manley and *Not a Step* by Tedeschi.
- Unlike previous sculptures, with prefabricated concrete bases, *Believe, Green* and *Not a Step* are freestanding. The Cultural Arts Commission intentionally selected these abstract pieces to give the Sculpture Garden an innovative look.
- The Cultural Arts Commission has not yet suggested locations for *Believe, Green* and *Not a Step*. Options included: the greenbelt area on Veteran's Parkway for *Not a Step*, the greenbelt and the Metlox Bridge for *Believe, Green* (between *Color Me Mine* and *Sashi* restaurant).
- The Cultural Arts Commissioners decided to contact artists Jason Manley and Christian Tedeschi for further specifications of *Believe, Green* and *Not a Step* before the City Council presentation on September 20, 2011.
- The Cultural Arts Commission considered the selected group of sculptures for temporary installation, not recommending purchase or permanent acquisition of any of the pieces.

The Cultural Arts Commission discussed future sculpture garden selection; the recommendations included:

- Inviting established artists recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee, such as Alex Weinstein, Janet Echelman, and Michael A. Davis for participation in a future sculpture garden (may require raising the stipend).
- Installing and purchasing a special, permanent piece of public art to celebrate the City's Centennial in 2012.
- The Cultural Arts Commission considered purchasing permanent art work and discussing the possibility of increased funding for the project.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.