

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 11, 2007
Manhattan Beach City Hall
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

Guide

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners

Shelby Phillips, Chair
Candy Duncan, Vice Chair
Nancy Humbarger
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

Susannah Rosenthal -absent

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from the special meeting on July 23, 2007.

Suggested that they review minutes beforehand and do these at a special meeting or e-mail outside this meeting and come in on an approval basis.

Page 2- Three grammatical corrections: 1) In the first sentence and second paragraph was rewritten, "Area foreseeing has been created" changed to, "Area foreseeing have been created". 2) Under, "Project Goal", in the first sentence, there needs to be a colon at the end. And 3) Under, "The Process, "A" was changed to a "pre-approved designs list".

Minutes are approved with corrections.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Dan Watt is present to answer any questions regarding The Children's Theater Proposal.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.5 Sculpture Garden Proposal

The July 10 meeting minutes never approved- Shelby Phillips, Chair, quotes from the July 10 meeting:

"The Commission will work on creating a map illustrating several local options. Ms. Purner will obtain an updated map of the Green Belt & Metlox Plaza for the Commissioners to work from. She will also contact the City of Beverly Hills to find out more details about their public art program."

Discussion of what is to be included on the map, street names, art pieces etc.
Refurbishing the pieces of art in garden is to be discussed in separate meeting.

Chair made motion to obtain a map of the Metlox City Plaza and the Greenbelt that indicates accurately that there are 9 pieces of art that currently exist, so that at least there is a starting point to work from.

List of 9 pieces of art: 1) The Martin Ganske Monument, 2) The Double Wave (Time capsule underneath), 3) The Butterflies, 4) Veterans Memorial, 5) The Red Dog, 6) The Waterfalls, 7) The 9/11 Memorial, 8) The Post Office Piece, and the 9) The Boys Scouts Piece.

New map with those 9 art pieces listed and boundaries agreement.

Motion made to approve Sculpture Garden Proposal.
All approve proposal, so moves.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Theater Proposal

Background discussion of proposal: do a show called "Aesop's Fables" at the Joslyn Center September 22 and 29, 2007. Discuss alternate dates for the show since these dates are no longer available, accurate budget and funding. Approval was granted to obtain 3 or 4 configurations form a professional consultant to configure Joslyn Center with all the drawings, seating set up, and piping and draping.

Goals of meeting are to discuss whether renting stage and platform area or buying these pieces of staging, dates of show, etc. if they decide in theory to do the show.

Dan Watt spoke about his experience doing this show at the Armstrong Theater and brought letters from children as testimony of a successful show. He mentioned tickets \$7.50 or \$8 per ticket, marketing materials are readily available, and a program already exists that he may provide.

The amount of money provided by City of Manhattan Beach equals to four shows.
Discussion of when the four shows would take place: back to back, morning or afternoon, Saturdays or 2 Saturdays, etc.

Juanita Purner is to confirm staff availability to work at the Children's Theater.
Discussion if the show will be free of charge or charge to audience, all members agree that they should charge audience.

Dan Watts answers question of cost: \$2,600 buys a single performance with music, props and costumes. Each additional performance is \$1,800. Dan is flexible on the amount of shows performed.

Cost Total is \$8,000 for all 4 shows.

Cultural Arts Commission agrees that the shows would take place in late February and early March according to the Joslyn Center's availability.

Shelby Phillips will work with Juanita Purner and Dalila on dates at the Joslyn Center. Shelby Phillips will put in place a timeline of events.

Dan Watts is willing to provide volunteers to work the shows and all the marketing materials. He also researched advertisement and publicity information: \$1,000 each time a quarter page ad is placed in The Easy Reader, Beach Reporter and Daily Breeze.

In the future a discussion of consideration of selling refreshments etc and reimbursing City of Manhattan Beach for possible employee time worked at the show.

Motion made to move forward to do the "Aesop's Fables" depending on timing, availability of Joslyn Center, availability of the actors and details of cost for 2 Saturdays in a row, back-to-back in late February and early March for a total of 4 shows.

Motion moves and is passed.

Enhancement of Joslyn Center is to be discussed at the next meeting.

02/0514.6 Strand Alcove/Bench Donor Guidelines

Review and vote on the finalized guidelines discussed at the last meeting to send to Council.

One change by Shelby Phillips: on page 2, to insert the word "and" on "donor artist recognition". Took out slash and inserted the word "and" so that it reads, "artist and donor."

Motion made to accept the Strand Alcove/Bench Donor Guidelines as submitted with the change of "and".

Motion passed.

Approved bench designs and what colors to purchase is to be submitted to Council.

Suggestion is made to request more designs from artist for table and chair.

Inserted in proposal that design reviews will be done every 6 months, possibly January and June or February and July.

Motion to approve changes to review designs every February and July.

Motion passed for the Alcove Guidelines.

Local Artists Project (Ad Hoc Committee)

Local Artist's meeting summary by Juanita Purner: the Local Artists Project wants to branch off, have its own Board, fundraise, etc.

Juanita and Portia are to meet regarding the Local Artists Project status, separating from the City vision.

Metlox and Local Artists Project relationship is not in agreement.

City Entryway Project Status

Discussion on the comments by the Commissioners and Council members critique of the City Entryway Project.

Simon and Juanita are to conclude the height of the entryways.

Progress Report pending; it was regarding budget, timeline, location. Cultural Arts Commission was to receive a package of status of Progress Report according to the April Meeting's minutes.

Concern regarding Graphic Solution's Contract and money paid at each phase of the project.

Cultural Arts Commission does not know at this point the status of the City Entryway Project because more information from Simon regarding budget and where the money is coming from is needed.

9/11 Project a big congratulations goes to the Cultural Arts Commission.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2007.