

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008**

The Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 8th day of January, 2008, at the hour of 6:45 p.m., in the Police/Fire Conference Room, 400/420 15th Street, in said City.

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council: Cohen, Ward, Tell, Montgomery and Mayor Aldinger.
Cultural Arts Commission: Phillips, Humbarger, Sweeney, Duncan and Rosenthal
Staff: City Manager Dolan and Parks and Recreation Director Gill

Absent: City Council: None
Staff: Cultural Arts Manager Purner

Clerk: Parks and Recreation Director Gill (Acting).

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- Paul Gross
- Anna Stevenson

SCHEDULED

08/0108.1 Discussion Regarding the Strand Alcove Bench Donor Guidelines

The City Council and Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) discussed draft guidelines for those in the community that would like to donate a bench for the Strand/Bench/Alcove Improvement Program.

Staff stated that all 6 benches for the program would be completed soon and Council requested that they review the sites being recommended for their placement. Council also reiterated the previous direction that all the benches maintain their natural color and that no alcove floor improvements should be completed this time.

Regarding the guidelines, Council recommended that, under Section 'A', wording should be added that describes the shapes and mild hue color tones that would be acceptable for the program. The Council directed staff and the Commission to come back to Council with other designs that could be approved as 'prototypes' for future donors. They also requested that staff delete the word "Memorial" on the map of the locations.

In Section 'B' of the Strand/Bench/Alcove Guidelines, Council recommended citing the benches formerly donated near 16th and 17th Streets and the Strand as examples of acceptable benches.

08/0108.2 Discussion of the Sculpture Garden Project

The City Council and Cultural Arts Commission discussed the concept of a temporary sculpture garden for Veterans Parkway and the Civic Center and Metlox Plazas whereby Public Art would be placed in 6-12 locations in the downtown area for 6 months to a year.

In response to the pictures of temporary sculpture gardens in other cities distributed by the CAC, The Council recommended that the Commission and staff start slow and conservative for their first exhibition.

The Commission stated that they would develop a proposal and submit it to the Council at a future Council meeting.

08/0108.3 Request for Approval to Conduct a Children's Theatre Production at the Joslyn Community Center

The Council and Cultural Arts Commission discussed the Commission's proposal to secure a production company for a children's theatre production of Aesop's Fable at the Joslyn Center in March. The Council approved the idea for staff and the Commission.

In response to Council's request for a status report on the Local Artists Program, Staff stated they would get back to Council with a report.

The City Council thanked the Cultural Arts Commission for all of their hard work during the past year and expressed that they look forward to all the projects discussed in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:01 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting, to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting, on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Richard Gill
Recording Secretary

Jim Aldinger
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk