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**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes**

May 13, 2008
Manhattan Beach City Hall
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Shelby Phillips, Chairman
Candy Duncan, Vice Chair
Susan Sweeney, Commissioner
Nancy Humbarger, Commissioner
Susannah Rosenthal, Commissioner
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2008 CAC Meetings as submitted.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.5 Sculpture Garden Proposal

The CAC is recommending to City Council an 18-month program that consists of two exhibitions for the initial proposal. The Commission has learned Tom Otterness' work has prohibitive shipping costs (\$100,000), which unfortunately eliminates him as a participant in the program.

The Commissioners decided that the program should focus on local artists rather than artists from out-of-state and attempt to select smaller sculptural pieces with lower shipping fees. A website was mentioned that may aid in the search for potential artists: www.callforartists.com.

Another selection option for the Sculptural Garden is the San Diego Port Authority's *Urban Trees* public art program. The Commission is contacting the Port Authority to check on the availability of the ten art works previewed a prior Commission meeting. The Commission will continue their search for two additional artists for the program.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Theater Proposal

The CAC approved a motion to send a recommendation, as the part of the overall theater program proposal, to Council for a \$20,000 expense from the Public Art Trust for buying stage decking and pipe and drape for the Joslyn Center. These materials would be used to provide a stage environment to all who currently use the facility. These 20 light-weight platforms allow for a variety of set-up options, as well as an 8-foot stage extension that could set-up at all times. The pipe and drape will allow the facility to create intimate environments or partition off the room as needed. The CAC feels that this investment in the community is a small price to pay for the benefit of so many, especially since Joslyn is the only stage in town and probably will be for many years to come.

The Children's Theater series proposal was reviewed and a motion passed to forward the proposal to Council for approval; the Children's theater series includes three performances a year. The projected cost for the series is \$25,000.

Strand Alcove Bench

The Commission passed a motion to have a plaque made and installed at the inaugural bench located at 11th Street; the plaque will be placed on the alcove curb. The inscription will read: *Donated by: Manhattan Beach Art Fund - Artist: Stacy Dukes*. The wording of this inscription and the placement of the plaque will be in conformance with the Council approved Stand Alcove Bench Donor Guidelines.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 - Board and Commission Orientation