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CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

October 14, 2008

Manhattan Beach City Hall

Council Chambers

6:02 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made for approval and was carried for the September 9th minutes.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.6 Sculpture Garden Proposal

- The Commission's discussion included the following options and will be finalized before going to Council.
 1. An artist would display five **existing** works using the pole/container model or a concrete slab
 2. An artist would create five site specific **new** pieces
 3. Five artists would each provide an **existing** sculpture for the program
 4. Five artists would each be **commissioned** to create a new work
- The sculpture exhibited in the program is structured so that the public can purchase the art works directly from the artist.
- The sculpture is exhibited for either six months or a year, depending on availability.
- Commission suggested contacting John Gorman, a Manhattan Beach sculptor; and there is interest in Niki St. Phalle; her work is part of the Stuart Collection at UCSD.
- The Commissioners plan to visit the San Diego Port Authority to see the public art program's maquettes and the installed art work. If time permits, the Commissioners will make studio visits.

- Sculptural garden installation sites will begin at the Manhattan Beach Civic Center Plaza and move to the green belt (Valley/Ardmore).

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Children's Theater Proposal

The *Join the Circus* performances are scheduled for Saturday, November 8th and Sunday, November 9th; with load-in taking place on November 7 and tear-down on Sunday. The Beach Reporter advertisement is set for October 30.

Strand Alcove Bench Program

The wording on the proposed Ellis family plaque was discussed and it was read to the Commissioners: *Artist & Donor Recognition* guideline reads – Donated by: Rodney Benson – Artist: Joe Johnson. The Ellis plaque wording: Donated by: Friends and Family of Susan M... Ellis – Artist: Stacy Dukes Design. The senior members of the Commission took exception with the wording and the newer members did not object. The Commission did not vote on the issue.

Commissioner De Maria distributed a proposal outlining four design competitions which are intended to initiate a dialogue among local professionals and students. The proposal will be reviewed and discussed at next month's Commission meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm. The next Commission meeting is November 18 at 6 p.m. in the City Manager's conference room.