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CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

March 10, 2009

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the February 10, 2009 Cultural Arts Commission were approved as written

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.9 Sculpture Garden Proposal

The Commissioners contacted the following artists: Steven L. Reiman, Robert Verhees, John Oleinik, Marian Zeldin and Stefan Verstappen.

Staff is scheduled to present the proposed art work for the Sculpture Garden to City Council on April 7 and the Commission discussed the following check list:

- Determine a select number of sculptures
- Establish a schedule for delivery of sculptures,
- Determine the time required to build bases
- Indicate the length of exhibition is one year (this gives Commission time to assess additional works),
- Cost for bases range from \$1,100 to \$1,250 each; a cost breakdown will be prepared
- Clarify that sculptures can be installed with a base or without,
- Insurance coverage for a 12 month exhibition was quoted at \$7,000 for \$240,000 valuation (an additional quote will be secured).
- Sculpture garden program includes plans to organize an art education component. There are two ways this can be realized. One is the Young at Art program that brings six projects to 6,000 students at 11 schools. The second is MBUSD's Local Arts Education Partnership program which has four artists working at the district's elementary schools conducting student art projects. In addition, the students could tour the sculptures and receive educational information using a curriculum-based approach. Students who participate in the

tour would be invited to provide their renderings of the sculptural garden and an exhibition would take place showing works of art selected by a panel of professional artists. A brochure will be designed for people interested in a self-guided tour; this material will be dispensed along the installed art works.

Staff was asked to remind the Commission to revisit bronze sculptural figures of children at play for consideration in future Sculpture Garden exhibitions.

The Commission will hold a special meeting on March 24 to identify locations for the art works and to finalize the number of sculptures recommended to Council.

VI. REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Sweeney presented a maquette by John Grauman and another unnamed artist for consideration in the Sculpture Garden project. The model has two parts with the upper portion forming a circular shape. One half of this circle is composed of a volleyball player caught in motion as he jumps to hit the ball and the other half captures a stylized wave on the right. The material proposed for the top portion is bronze; but the material for the base was not identified.

The piece is massive, and though the Commission appreciated the beauty of the work, it calls for a venue that can accommodate a large scale sculpture. It is estimated the finished piece is 15' in height.

Children's Theater – Posters and flyers were given to the Commissioners who will distribute to the schools and downtown business community. DancinDan Productions is also doing a mass distribution effort. A banner publicizing the event is installed outside of Joslyn Center where the event will take place. Staff and Commissioners are scheduled to be on hand on March 28th and the 29th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Commission is calling for a special meeting; it is scheduled for March 24, at 9 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference room.