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CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

June 8, 2010

Manhattan Beach City Hall

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Arts Commission (CAC) was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Susan Sweeney, Chair
Nancy Humbarger, Vice Chair
Peter De Maria, Commissioner
Russ Samuels, Commissioner
Susannah Rosenthal, Commissioner
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes postponed until the next meeting.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

02/0612.23 Sculpture Garden Program

Commission's discussion included the following points:

- Establishing a fundraising method for the Cultural Arts Commission
- The possibility of using Raleigh Studios as a venue for City sponsored theater
- Invitations for the second Sculpture Garden are being sent to selected artists
- Children's Sculpture Garden idea for a Home Town Fair booth activity; they would create artwork similar in style to one of participating Sculpture Garden artists
- Create a Website link that provides visuals and artist's statement for SG II
- A motion to initiate an ad hoc committee as advisors for the second Sculpture Garden installation was passed

Selection of New Commission Officers:

The nominations for new Commission officers resulted in the election of the following persons:

Susan Sweeney, Chair and Nancy Humbarger, Vice Chair

REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

Strand Alcove Bench Program

Council approved the recommendation from the Commission for \$15,000 to contract with five architects to develop designs for the Strand Alcove Bench program. Once Staff receives the names of the architects, the contracts will be prepared. Commissioner De Maria was interested in the content of the contracts.

City Council Work Plan Items 2010

#14 – Beautification of Metlox/Civic Center Plazas and Aviation/MBB

This item was discussed with the following points:

- The Commission is to develop ideas to beautify the areas designated
- The Commission would like clarification as to the budget for this project and is this a vehicle for fundraising
- It is important to meet with Public Works
- The utilitarian objects include: benches, tables, planters and bike racks with artistic elements
- The Commission will tour Metlox/Civic Plaza to consider preliminary ideas for the project

Item #7 – Recognition of Historical Community Members

- Goal is to create a City program that recognizes community members that have contributed significantly to the development and history of the City
- The City Council would like to honor the selected individuals through recognition at City Council meetings (perhaps as part of the Centennial celebrations)
- Council requests that the Cultural Arts Commission meet with the Historical Society to further develop and refine ideas for the program
- Staff will arrange a meeting with the President of the Historical Society's board

Item #13 – Centennial Celebration

- The Commission is enthusiastic about the Centennial and they wondered what their involvement might be

Ad Hoc Committee Members

The Commission is interested in forming ad hoc committees that could capitalize on those talents within the community that would benefit the Cultural Art projects

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.