

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Richard Thompson, Interim City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation *RG*,
Juanita Purner, Cultural Arts Manager *JP*

DATE: October 5, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of Purchasing Sculptures from the 2009 City Of Manhattan Beach Sculpture Garden

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the possibility of purchasing sculptures from the 2009 Sculpture Garden and provide direction.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications on the general fund associated with the recommended action. The Sculpture Garden Program is supported through the Public Art Trust. The current Public Art Trust balance is \$197,691.73.

BACKGROUND:

The Sculpture Garden is a temporary one-year exhibition of sculptures that are installed in designated sites within the City. Selections are based on artistic merit, public safety and the appropriateness of the artwork and materials used. The City Council's directive to initiate the Sculpture Garden Program has brought art into the community's daily life.

The Sculpture Garden's inaugural installation took place in June 2009 with seven sculptures exhibited at three sites: The Civic Plaza, Veteran's Memorial parkway and the Metlox Plaza. The Commission chose sculptures that were included in the San Diego Port Authority's Urban Tree Project.

At the September 7, 2010 City Council meeting, Council approved five sculptures for the 2010-2011 Sculpture Garden Program and requested information on the purchase of art pieces from the 2009-2010 Sculpture Garden and a report on the five-year history of the Public Art Trust.

DISCUSSION:

As previously mentioned, there were seven sculptures for the 2009-2010 sculpture garden and all of them are available for purchase. Following is a list of the sculptures, prices and artists:

Title	Price	Artist
<i>Solar Illumination</i>	\$ 6,000	Nina Karavasiles
<i>Four Seasons and A Bicycle</i>	\$20,000	Amos Robinson
<i>Flock of Sea Birds</i>	\$ 2,000	Frank Mando
<i>Sea Horse</i>	\$ 2,000	Frank Mando
<i>Remember When Fish Were...</i>	\$ 5,000	Kent Kraber
<i>Family Tree</i>	\$ 8,500	Steven L. Reiman

The idea of purchasing sculptures from the Sculpture Garden and placing them throughout the City has been discussed at several recent Cultural Arts Commission meetings. The Cultural Arts Commission believes it is premature to purchase a sculpture at this time. The Commission is working on a vision for a permanent sculpture garden and is focused on identifying a theme, artists, a budget and sites in the City best suited for the program before making recommendations for Council's approval.

Staff contacted Amos Robinson to confirm the price for his sculptures and he stated that the amount for the two sculptures (*Four Seasons and A Bicycle*) is \$20,000 whether both or just one sculpture is purchased by the City.

In addition to the possible purchase of sculptures, the City Council requested a 5-year Public Art Trust Report. The report (Attachment B) provides the beginning balance, the monies received over the specified time period and the expenses incurred. The Art Trust balance is \$197,691.73; and the balance for the Sculpture Garden's committed funds is \$67,500.

CONCLUSION:

Staff requests that Council provide direction regarding the purchase of art works from the 2009 Sculpture Garden.

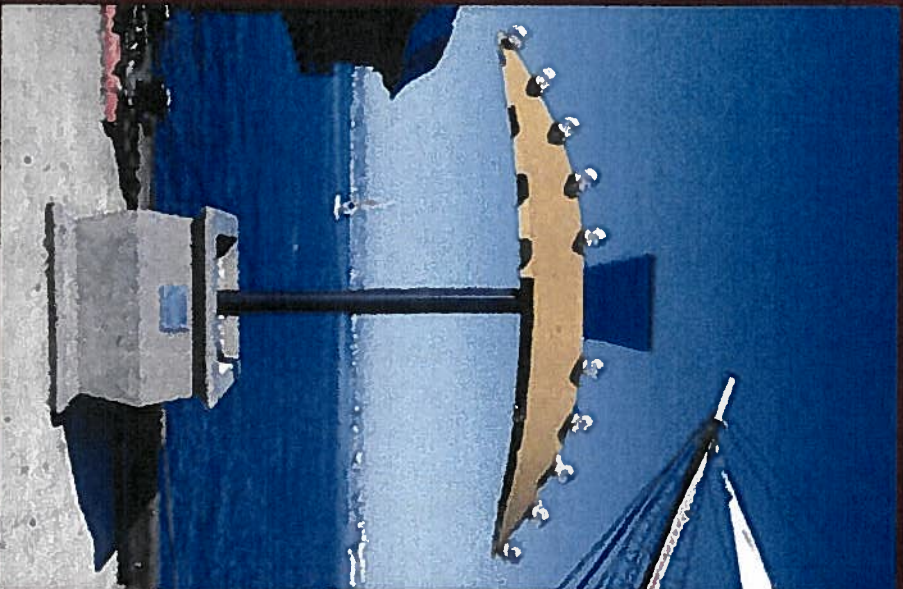
Attachment A: Sculpture Garden 2009 Images

Attachment B: Public Art Trust Fund Five-Year Report

SCULPTURE GARDEN 2009

IMAGES

Nina Karavasiles

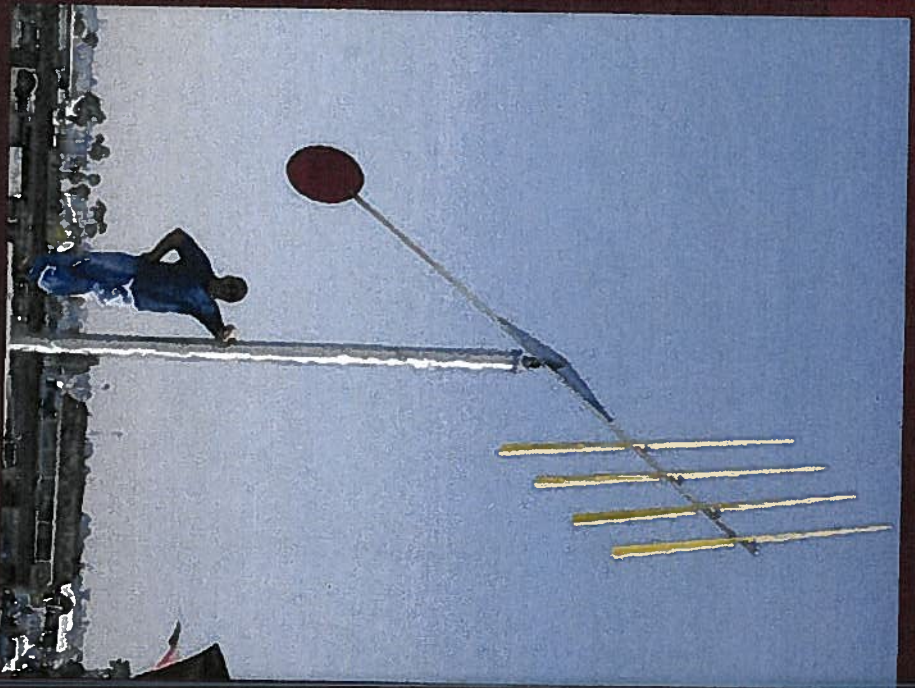


■ Solar Illumination



■ Detail of Solar Illumination

Amos Robinson

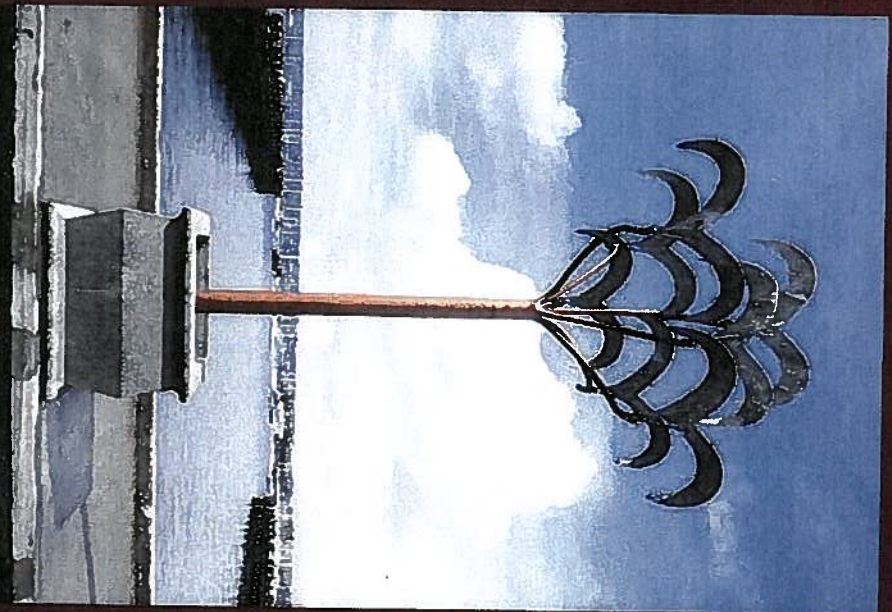


■ Four Seasons



■ The Bicycle

Frank Mando



■ Flock of Seabirds



■ The Seahorse Tree

Kent Kraber

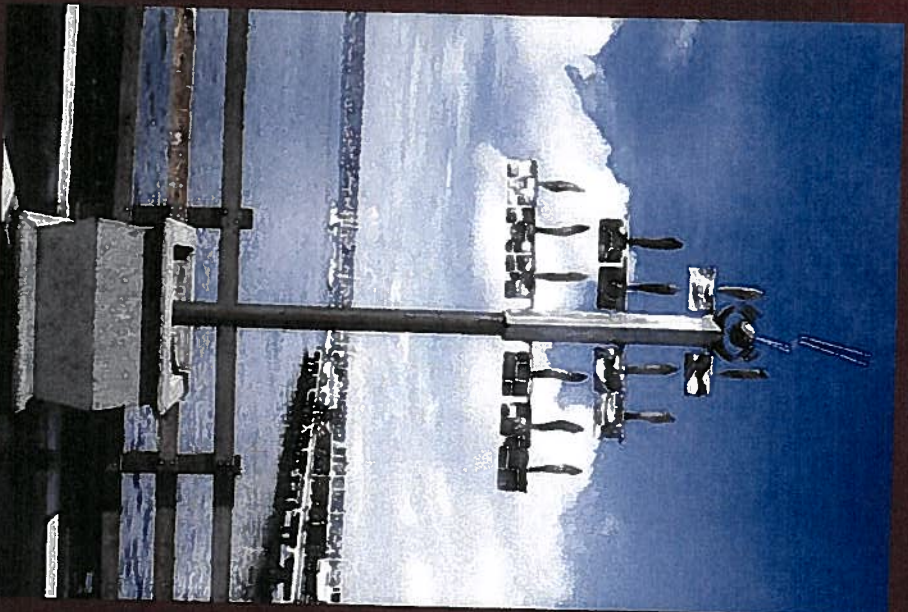


- Remember When Fish Were...

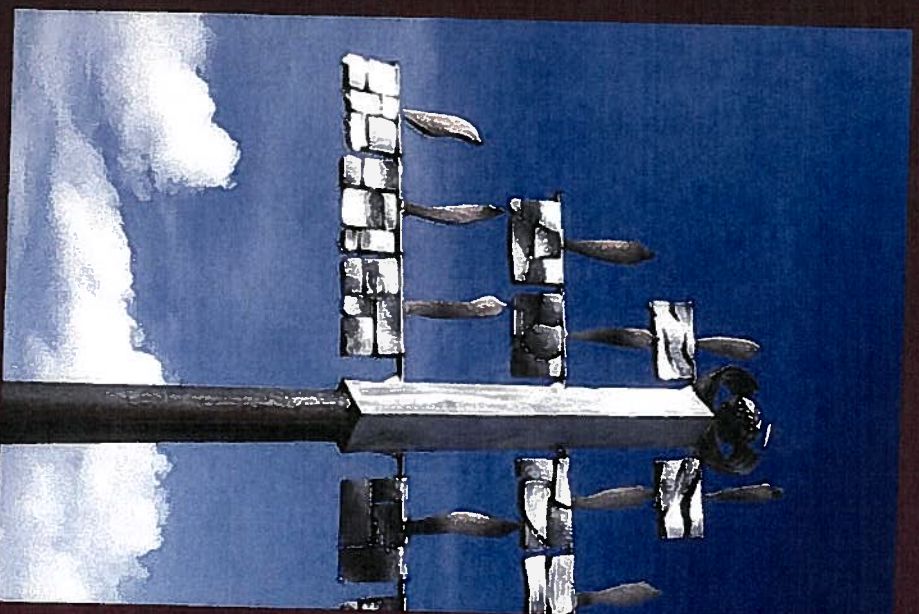


- Detail of Remember When Fish Were...

Steven L. Rieman



■ The Family Tree



■ Detail of The Family Tree

Attachment B

**PUBLIC ART TRUST FUND
5 – YEAR REPORT**

Account Information
CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

Account No: B 802-21907

Title: Public Art Development Fees

Fiscal Year: 2011

Debit / Credit: C
Status Code: 0
JC Required: N
Standard Acct: Y

Account Class:
Budgeted: N
Allotment:
Locked:
Budget Account:

Year End Estimate:

0.00

Year	Beginning Balance		Account History		Ending Balance
	Debits	Credits	Debits	Credits	
2011	0.00	6,028.55	8,152.04	2,123.49*	
2010	251,638.66	2,911.64	41,841.22	290,568.24*	
2009	271,471.28	120,866.61	101,033.99	251,638.66	
2008	297,885.62	78,860.62	52,446.28	271,471.28	
2007	266,858.64	26,793.45	57,820.43	297,885.62	
2006	286,830.40	54,184.92	34,213.16	266,858.64	
2005	207,429.46	2,070.00	81,470.94	286,830.40	
2004	24,972.98	7,021.60	189,478.08	207,429.46	
2003	0.00	20.68	24,993.66	24,972.98	

Period	Account Activity		Balance
	Debits	Credits	

Totals : Balance in the account less than last five year's revenue receipts of \$234,000.

PublicArt Trust Fund Balance	\$292,691.73*
less committed Sculpture Garden	80,000.00
sub total	\$212,691.73
Strand Alcove/Bench Architect fees	- 15,000.00
Balance	\$197,691.73