

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

February 22, 2011

Special Meeting

Manhattan Beach City Hall

City Managers Conference Room

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NA

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

V. GENERAL BUSINESS

01/0612.3 Architectural Bench Prototypes

The Strand Alcove Bench project contracted four architects and they were contacted regarding the price of the designs they submitted and were asked if they would underwrite the manufacturing cost of the prototypes. The architects responded by offering a with a 20-25% discount off the price point but due to the economic down trend they are unable to take on the entire manufacturing cost. Commissioner De Maria plans to continue the conversation with the architects.

The Commission discussed the Veteran's Memorial Parkway as a temporary installation site. The Commission is interested in recouping the cost of the bench prototypes and one option is that they approach local businesses to see if they are interested in purchasing one of the benches. A second option involves leasing the prototypes to some of the art collectors or corporate entities in Manhattan Beach.

The Commission asked that the architects be reminded that muted tones be used for the bench designs.

Modifications to the architectural bench designs are as follows:

1. Predock_Frane - change the anatomical forms so they appear abstract; (\$14,000)
2. CK Architecture - *Shell* and *Whale* designs can be combined on one board with the *Shell* highlighted to scale with a clear distinction between rendered design materials for each; (*Shell* 18,000; *Whale* \$23,000)
3. Sparano+Mooney - *AXO Structure* needs to be reconfigured (\$14,759)
4. Ball - Nogues Studio - select one bench and change color to a muted tone

Commissioner De Maria will contact the architects and report back at the next meeting.

Reports & Other Business

Marine Memorial Wall – Little League Project

The project was reviewed and the Commissioners agreed that the Little League project is part of the Commission's responsibility and they would like the opportunity to give their point of view in the matter.

Sculpture Garden Theme and Ad Hoc Committee

The Commission discussed theme options the 2011-2012 Sculpture Garden installation:

- Centennial references - *2012 Before & After*; the theme "100"
- Manhattan Beach life style, beach characteristics

Artist invitations for the upcoming installation should include local artists:

Mary Tarango, Mary Ann Collins, Cinthia Joyce, Simon Outwerk, Joe Mancuso to name a few and the artists who exhibited in the Creative Arts Center's 10th Anniversary show.

The following persons were recommended for the Ad Hoc Committee:

Flo Finger, James Caprell, Jim Murray, Ben Babbitt, Sharon Greco, Alison Wright, Portia Cohen, Don Servio, and Nick Agate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.