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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:  David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Richard Gill, Director of Parks and Recreation 

DATE: December 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Cultural Arts Commission Recommendation for Commission Members Susan Sweeney and Peter De Maria to Serve as Expert Advisors with Regard to the County Arts Selection Committee for the New Manhattan Beach Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the recommendation from the Cultural Arts Commission for Commission members Susan Sweeney and Peter De Maria to serve as expert advisors to the Council with regards to the County Arts Selection Committee for the new Manhattan Beach library.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There is no fiscal implication on the City's general fund associated with the Cultural Arts Commission recommendation. The art that will be selected for the new Manhattan Beach library will be paid for out of the County's project budget.

BACKGROUND:

The County of Los Angeles will be building a new library for Manhattan Beach using the excess property tax revenues that Manhattan Beach residents pay for library services in Manhattan Beach. The County of Los Angeles has an ordinance that requires all County capital projects to spend 1% of the construction costs on public art. The estimated construction costs for the new library are estimated to be \$13,700,000, meaning that \$137,000 must be spent on public art for the new Arts Commission representative stated that the City's Cultural Arts Commission will have two representatives on a committee of approximately 10-12 members that will select the public art for the new library.

The City Council, during their November 15th City Council meeting, directed that the two members of City Council already serving on the library ad hoc subcommittee (Councilmembers Powell and Lesser) would also serve on the County's Art Selection Committee as the two voting positions along with two Cultural Arts commissioners serving the Council as expert advisors.

DISCUSSION:

During the December 13, 2011 Cultural Arts Commission meeting, the Commission selected Commission members Susan Sweeney and Peter De Maria to serve on the County's Art Selection Committee along with Councilmembers Powell and Lesser. The two commissioners will act as advisors to Council as non voting members. The process for the selection of art will take between 6 and 12 months.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the recommendation from the Cultural Arts Commission for Commissioners Sweeney and De Maria to serve as expert advisors to the Council with request to the County Art Selection Committee for the selection of art for the new Manhattan Beach library.