

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

June 10, 2014

Manhattan Beach City Council Chambers
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Dunn, Commissioners Gill, DeMaria*, Ramezani and Samuels
*Peter DeMaria ended his term as Commissioner and was succeeded by Commissioner Jacquelyne May during the course of the meeting.

Absent: none

Others Present: Cultural Arts Manager, Martin Betz; Recording Secretary, Linda Robb

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 13, 2014 – approved with clarification

Commissioner Samuels moved to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes with the clarification that it was Commissioner Samuels who made the statement on page 2 that he believed that the Commission could ask City Council to adopt the LA County decommissioning process.

Commissioner Gill seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, Ramezani, Gill, Samuels and DeMaria

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

The motion passed.

D. CEREMONIAL

Certificate of Recognition-Peter DeMaria

The Commissioners each thanked Mr. DeMaria for his professionalism, participation, creativity commitment and impact.

Welcome to Commissioner May – Commissioner May gave a short introduction of herself and stated that she would like to see more local artists involved in public art.

Commissioner Dunn spoke about how she would like to run the meetings. She asked the Commissioners to be mindful of speaking over each other. When speaking about a topic,

comments will be given down the line starting from the right. She would like the meetings to be efficient and for the commission to not get caught up in minutiae.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chairperson Dunn opened the floor to audience participation.

Kraig Kalinich, resident – Mr. Kalinich has previously inquired about the Strand Alcove Bench Program and wanted to come up with a design for the program. The idea is for the residents to contribute together for a bench in the area where they tend to congregate.

Chairperson Dunn closed the floor to audience participation.

F. STAFF ITEMS

Martin Betz – stated that the rebranding of the Creative Arts Center will have to fall in step with the department marketing plan. Currently, the rebranding is being managed by Mr. Betz, along with Deborah Hom and Kristin Yamauchi. Chairperson Dunn asked if the Commissioners were able to submit ideas and Mr. Betz stated that if the Commissioners felt very strongly about an idea, to please submit it. Commissioner Ramezani asked if the rebranding is part of the department marketing plan and Mr. Betz confirmed that it is. Commissioner Samuels asked if a professional consultant was working on the marketing plan and Mr. Betz confirmed.

Harold Roach Sculpture – Mr. Betz had an expert review the Harold Roach art piece for restoration costs. This expert was chosen because of her expertise in salt water environments. The main issues are the bolting down and the paint. One bolt is broken but would be repaired when the sculpture is removed for resurfacing. Since it is an aluminum surface, paint is not recommended. The estimate of \$6200 covers the removal of the current paint and rebolting. The sculpture would need to be waxed every six 6 months to maintain.

Commissioner Gill stated that another piece by Harold Roach around LA that were not painted, rusted horribly. Mr. Betz, stated that one of his pieces was made of steel and was designed to rust.

Commissioner Samuels stated that he would like to hear the history of the piece and of the artist. Commissioner May mentioned that she is familiar with the history and would share it with the Commission.

Decommissioning Process – Mr. Betz presented the City of Albuquerque decommissioning protocol for review by the Commissioners.

Commissioner May stated that she believed that in the State of California, if the artist has donated a piece for public art, the artist retains ownership. Mr. Betz stated that it depends on the contract that was signed. Typically the new contracts that are written give the City sole rights to the piece and copyright.

Commissioner Gill – clarified that when there is anything on the agenda, supporting materials would go out with the agenda

Mr. Betz asked if the Commission would like for him to put together a handbook for review and approval. Commissioner Gill advised to wait until the new CM is on board. Mr. Betz will review the current handbook and update.

Mosaic at comfort station by Paul Tzanetopoulos (artist who did the light poles at LAX). The comfort station is being rebuilt at the pier so the piece will be refurbished.

Commissioner Dunn asked that the Sculpture garden/bench template be put on the agenda and that a copy of the budget be provided at the meetings.

The Company that prepared the Existing items report is giving proposal.

G. COMMISSION ITEMS:

Commissioner Gill announced that MBMS is doing some Wave Art on campus.

Commissioner Ramezani attended the Yarn Bombing exhibition. She stated that some of the attendees were very happy that the Art Center was located in east Manhattan Beach. The Commission should stay aware that East Manhattan Beach needs to be represented as well. If a sculpture garden could be installed on the east side it would be most welcome. Mr. Betz will inquire if that is possible. Commissioner Samuels agrees and supports that idea

Commissioner Ramezani requested that the Commissioners be notified of the exhibits ahead of time so they know what is coming up. At the receptions, the City Council members are recognized but the Commissioners are not necessarily recognized. It would be helpful to be announced to facilitate communications with the artists and the public.

Mr. Betz announced that the format of the exhibitions will be changed. The Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Leyman and the Commission will be notified of all the events for the next two years.

Commissioners Dunn and May attended a 75th anniversary of Grandview Elementary. The Kindergarten through 5th grade students produced a video that can be seen on the PTA website.

H. GENERAL BUSINESS:

None

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Dunn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ramezani seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunn, Gill, Ramezani, May and Samuels

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None.