

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes

December 10, 2013

Manhattan Beach City Hall

1400 Highland Avenue

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson James Gill, Vice Chairperson Nancy Dunn, Commissioner Russ Samuels, Commissioner Loli Ramezani, Commissioner Peter De Maria

Absent: None.

Others Present: Acting Recreation Supervisor Deborah Hom, Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen, Ann Martin, Megumi Moisen

C. APPROVAL MINUTES

APPROVED WITH CHANGES: November 12, 2013

Page 3 under Strand Staircase Project – Commissioner Samuels requested that the 3 references to Commissioner Samuels be corrected to read Chairperson Gill.

Page 4 under Harold Roach Art Piece the statement - Commissioner Samuels requested that the phrase “he was not in favor of the motion as is stands” be removed as there was no motion made at that point.

Page 6 under Miguel Angel Velazquez Mural – Commissioner De Maria corrected the last paragraph to read “The Commission decided to propose to City Council to have an unveiling of the art piece.”

Page 10 under Rory Barish Strand Alcove Bench Plaque Discussion – Commissioner Samuels requested that the last part of his statement be corrected to read “...whether it was appropriate to have an exception for an animal or where as it has been denied for a person.” Also Commissioner Ramezani requested to clarify the statement “she felt like we are punishing them,” by changing it to “she felt like we are punishing the person who followed the process.”

Chairperson Gill called for a motion to approve the revisions to the minutes of November 12, 2013.

There was a unanimous decision by all Commissioners to the revisions to minutes of November 12, 2013.

D. CEREMONIAL

Megumi Moisen presented Ann Martin with a certificate of commendation for her cultural contributions to the City of Manhattan Beach.

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen presented Megumi Moisen with a certificate of commendation for her 13 years of service to the City.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Janet Jones stated that she is project lead for Leadership Manhattan Beach. She gave an update regarding the renovation of Live Oak Park Tot which should be completed by May 6, 2014.

F. STAFF ITEMS

Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen announced that Megumi Moisen is retiring and Deborah Hom will be the Acting Recreation Supervisor within the Cultural Arts division until the position is filled. All questions or concerns regarding the Creative Arts Center should be directed to Ms. Hom.

Ms. Allen gave an update on the recruitment for Cultural Arts Manager. The first date to review applications would be the 13th and if there were any qualified candidates they would be interviewed.

Ms. Allen gave an update on the Centennial project. There will be meeting January 2, 2014 with the City staff, artist and county architect. Ms. Allen said that the Commissioners are welcome to attend the 2-3 hour meeting and that Ms. Ansert will be preparing a report to present to the Commission to review this and subsequent meetings.

Ms. Allen stated that the staff report regarding the process for commission discussion will be reviewed by the Council in February.

Ms. Allen spoke regarding the staff report on the decommissioning process and she stated that after speaking with Parks and Recreation Director, Mark Leyman regarding the Harold Roach Art Piece, there is a need to consider a decommissioning process and how that would tie into a master plan. Ms. Allen stated that Director Leyman agrees that the master plan be addressed and a decommissioning process should be included within that master plan. The decommissioning process item will be presented to the City Council.

G. COMMISSION ITEMS

Commissioner Dunn stated TedEx Manhattan Beach was a success and it was sold out and the recurring theme will be creativity.

Commissioner De Maria announced that he is teaching two freshman design classes at Cal State Long Beach and that he will be reviewing final projects and everyone is welcome to participate in the final review.

Chairperson Gill stated he participated at the opening of Arts Manhattan with Homeira Goldstein and it went well.

H. GENERAL BUSINESS

13/0208.1 Sculpture Garden Annual Exhibition – The Commission discussed the new time line Sculpture Garden ways to contact outside sources to advertise a search for artist participation.

13/0208.2 Strand Stair Case Project – The Commission discussed the different stages for the staircase project. Stage one would be very simple architecture at a lower cost, stage two would include more intricate architecture with a higher cost and stage three would include either art on

the walls or a living wall. The City Council and the public would like the staircase to be re-built to its current design as the new concept did not appeal to them. Graffiti is a possible drawback but there is a coating that can be used to deter possible defacement. The cost will be determined by the design and features chosen by the City Council.

13/1112.1 Harold Roach Art Piece - The Commission discussed problems obtaining bids for the restoration project. There are currently no bids in place for this project. The Commission stated that they should table this project until a master plan and a decommissioning process has been developed.

13/1112.2 Miquel Angel Velazquez Mural – The Commission discussed the staff report that will go to City Council on January 7, 2014. The Commission is proposing to put the mural on display from January 14, 2014 to March 11, 2014.

13/0813.4 Strand Bench Program – Ms. Allen stated that there are 4 designs (named below) to be presented to the City Council but a motion needed to be made to in order to get them on the City Council agenda. The Commission would like the benches presented to the City Council in the following order: “Rubberband”, Stacy Duke’s design, “Dent” and “Puddle” with the idea that the Commission is providing the City Council with a diversity of choices. The Commission asked Ms. Allen to gather additional information regarding this project. Ms. Allen informed the Commission that there are three new benches slated to be installed on The Strand, one is the Shell, and two are Stacey Dukes.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Gill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Dunn seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chairperson Gill, Vice Chairperson Dunn, Commissioners Samuels, Ramezani, De Maria

Noes: None

Abstain: None

The motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.