

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

September 30, 2013

Rosecrans Avenue and the Strand
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:09PM

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner James Gill, Russ Samuels, Loli Ramezani*, Peter De Maria *arrived at 4:11PM
Absent: Commissioner Nancy Dunn
Others Present: Recreation Services Manager Gina Allen

B. SCHEDULE

13.0930-1 The Strand Stair Case Walking Tour

Commissioner DeMaria gave a brief explanation of the life span of concrete and rebar materials currently used for the Strand railings and walls. Many of the rails on the Strand have cracked concrete and exposed rebar.

The Commission made their way down to the Rosecrans Avenue stair case. They reviewed the condition of the current wall and exchanged possible art elements that could be incorporated into the wall and landscape.

The Commission continued the tour down the Strand to 20th Street and returned to Rosecrans Avenue.

MOTION: Commissioner Samuels made a motion to seek City Council's approval of the Commission's following recommends to the Public Works Department for the Strand Stair Case Project:

1. Translucent walls and/or railings
2. Plants against walls to promote live "Green" walls
3. Use of muted earth tones in the concrete/cement used for stairs, walls and railing.
4. Minimizing concrete use when not needed, for example at location with less than an 11 foot drop off. Consider using wood as an alternative as it is currently being used at 30th street.

Commissioner Ramezani seconded the motion.

MOTION DISCUSSION:

The Commission would like to keep the integrity of most of the stair cases and reduce the use of concrete or railings when not needed by law. The Commission appreciates

current unique features at some staircases. For example, the exposed rock on the steps of 30th Street.

If art elements that are worked into the project should be subtle and should not compete with the view of the ocean. The Commission recommends the art elements be viewable looking toward the City and not the ocean, as residents have expressed that the ocean view is the most sacred feature to protect. For example, the sand blasted art against parking lot walls at the Rosecrans Avenue parking lot.

Commissioner Samuels suggested using black rails or coated rails, such as the one used at Polliwog Park's fitness equipment station.

Ayes: Commissioner Samuels, Gill, De Maria, Ramezani
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Dunn
Abstain: None

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

D. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Samuels made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gill seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Gill, Ramezani, Samuels, and De Maria
Noes: None
Absent: Commission Dunn
Abstain: None

The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.