

**CITY OF DANA POINT**  
**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 2012  
6:00pm-8:00pm

City Council Chambers  
33282 Golden Lantern  
Dana Point, CA 92629

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Schnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice-Chair Wickstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Karin Schnell, Vice-Chair Alan Wickstrom, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins, Commissioner Matthew Miller, Commissioner Judith Nowland

Commissioner Absent: none

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director) and Monique Leon (Community Services Secretary)

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ITEM 1:** Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting July 11th, 2012.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Nowland) to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting July 11th, 2012. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: Wickstrom

**B. PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**ITEM 2:** Presentation of 1835 Lithograph of the Harbor by Mark Palas was cancelled.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

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**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 3: Doris Walker Tribute Update**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report detailing the Doris Walker's Ad-Hoc Committee decisions and the status of the Doris Walker Tribute. He stated that the contract with the artist Christopher Pecharka was signed and he was moving forward. An estimated completion date was expected to be January 2013. He also stated that the City Council received a \$10,000 contribution from the Dana Point Historical Society.

**ITEM 4: Art in the City Council Foyer**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report asking that the Commission approve the artwork to be displayed October 1, 2012 through December 1, 2012. He also suggests that the Commission approve the theme and time frame for January 1, 2013 through March 1, 2013.

**Commissioner Jenkins** went through the selected artwork with the Commission and submitted the artwork to them.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Miller) to approve the six recommended Art Watercolors for hanging in the City Council Foyer from October 1, 2012 through December 1, 2012. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Nowland, Miller NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

**Chairwoman Schnell** asked for a report from the Ad-hoc committee regarding the next selection of artwork.

**Commissioner Nowland** stated the Ad-hoc committee was suggesting two exhibits, one being jewelry and a second being mixed media.

**Commissioner Jenkins** explained that the theme would be the name including a reference to Dana Point.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Wickstrom) to approve the Call to Artists which will be submitted by mid-November, selected in December and displayed in January. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Nowland, Miller NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

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**Commissioner Jenkins** made a substitute motion to the previous motion.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Nowland) to approve the Call to Artists for Mixed Media and Jewelry Art Pieces with a title depicting Dana Point, which will be submitted by mid-November, selected in December and displayed in January. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Nowland, Miller NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

**ITEM 5:** Lantern Bay Park Public Art Piece

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a brief staff report explaining that October was the Arts and Humanities month and that the Commission has voted on creating a public art piece in Lantern Bay Park. He then stated that 21 art pieces were submitted for this project and explained to the artists present that the Commission might have questions for them at a later time. He then launched into a PowerPoint presentation of the various art piece submittals.

**Commissioner Nowland** asked if the height limit had been removed and she also asked if a water feature was possible to have as a part of the design.

**Chairwoman Schnell** thanks the artists for their submittals and asks the submittals if they should take the time to go through submittals and contact the artists if there are any questions. She asks for the Commissioners opinions on this.

**Vice-Chair Wickstrom** agrees that the Commission should take the extra time to go through the submittals and then pick the top favorite three submittals and possibly pick the one at the next meeting.

**Chairwoman Schnell** also suggests going back to the site and visiting the Park and seeing what would work in that space.

**Vice-Chair Wickstrom** suggests a method of keeping all of the submittals public.

**Commissioner Jenkins** agrees with Chairwoman Schnell but she also suggests choosing the top three choices and keeping two for future projects.

**Commissioner Nowland** asks if the dedication was still happening in October.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that there will be no dedication in October.

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**Commissioner Miller** thanks the artists and does agree that it will be wise to take some time and choose the top three choices for the next meeting. He appreciates the effort and would like to take further time to review the choices.

**Louis Longi** had a public comment and wanted to thank you for taking the extra time to review all of the submittals. He also liked Vice-Chair Wickstroms' idea of documenting the submittals.

**Richard White** had a public comment and believes it is very smart for the Commission to take the time to review their choices. He said the unusual thing about this Call for Artist was that it was missing a "Request for Qualifications".

**Katherine Stovall Dennis** had a public comment and stated that the Call to Artist did have a limit of six feet but believes that most artists would be flexible with that. She agrees that not having a "Request for Qualifications" was unusual. She also agrees that having the Commissioners review the work would be a good idea.

**Yvonne English** had a public comment and stated that she wanted to give more information on her piece. She states that she did want to include soft lighting in her piece and that she was planning on having glass mosaics as well.

**Commissioner Nowland** thanked the artists for coming out and states that she was very impressed with the pool of talent. She stated that she would love to see more public art out throughout the City.

**Chairwoman Schnell** thanks the artists for coming out and being a part of the process.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Jenkins) to table this item, keep the public comments open through October, have the Commission select their top three choices and then select the top choice at the October meeting. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Nowland, Miller NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

**ACTION:** Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Wickstrom) to adopt the idea of an archive or possible public display of the various submittals. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Nowland, Miller NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

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**Chairwoman Schnell** called for a break of the meeting at 7:05pm

**Chairwoman Schnell** resumed order of the meeting at 7:17pm

**Vice-Chair Wickstrom** enjoyed looking at the artwork with the artist. He also states that he agrees with artists stating that a "Request for Qualifications" would be good to add next time. He also states that thinks an interview with the artists would be good to add to the process.

**Commissioner Jenkins** agrees with the interview process but suggests that it might be for the top three art pieces chosen only.

**Commissioner Nowland** suggests putting together a packet to show City Council the caliber of work that was submitted.

**Kevin Evans** suggests choosing the top five art pieces and all of these art pieces could fit anywhere throughout the City. He also suggests a possible Artwalk through Lantern Bay Park.

**Commissioner Nowland** asks if all the artists were clear about the \$25,000 cost being all inclusive.

**Kevin Evans (Director)** states that it was stated to the artists that the \$25,000 was all inclusive and included building and installation costs.

**Vice-Chair Wickstrom** states that the Commission needs to come up with a way to standardize the submittals. He also states that he liked the idea of having an Artwalk at Lantern Bay Park.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

There is no New Business.

**G. STAFF REPORTS**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report and stated that Lubica Selecka submitted a letter of intent with her ideas regarding the Lantern Bay Park Public Art Piece but did not submit a specific art piece design. In her letter she was a strong proponent of an art walk. He also states that the BBQ Championship was soon and invited the Commissioners to attend the event. He stated that the event will be held at Sea Terrace Park on Saturday, September 29th. He states that the event will also have "The Taste of Brews" there, holding a micro-brew beer garden on site.

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**H. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Commissioner Jenkins** states that a citizen pointed out that the hanging baskets in Dana Point held artificial flowers. She wonders if it is under the Commissions purview to change them.

**Commissioner Miller** states that he is excited to be back and to see all the submittals for the Lantern Bay Park Public Art Piece and is looking forward to discussing the short and long term goals and is excited for the upcoming year.

**Vice-Chair Wickstrom** stated that the Shakespeare in the Park was fun and stated that he would like to see more of that type of event.


**Commissioner Nowland** discussed the idea of getting school art in the Dana Point Community Center. She states that she is meeting with the principal of RH Dana EN facility soon.

**Chairwoman Schnell** states that she likes the improved Arts and Culture Commission website. She also describes the art competition being held by the Marina Shores hotel. She also states that she had a meeting at Dana Hills High School with the 2013 Festival of Whales group which invited students to go whale watching and onto the pilgrim. She states that this group created the logo for the Festival of Whales this past year and this year. She states they are hoping to add a mural project to this year.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairwoman Schnell** announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 17th, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter) in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.**

  
Karin Schnell, Chairwoman  
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