

CITY OF DANA POINT
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes

June 19th, 2013
6:03pm-8:23pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Absent: none

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director of Community Services and Parks), Sherry Murphy (Recreation Supervisor II) and Monique Leon (Community Services Secretary)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of May 28th, 2013.

ACTION: Motion made (Nowland) and seconded (Schnell) to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of May 28th, 2013. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

D. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 5: Parks and Recreation

Sherry Murphy (Recreation Supervisor II) gave a presentation detailing the current and future City Recreation events.

E. OLD BUSINESS

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ITEM 2: Elephant Parade

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a brief summary detailing the current status of the Elephant Parade and the opening dates.

ITEM 3: Historical Markers

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report detailing the reasoning behind preserving the concrete stamps. He states that the stamps that can't be repositioned in the concrete to use be as a possible art piece in Town Center. He suggests that it could be a good idea to present to Council the idea to preserve these stamps through a potential art piece.

Commissioner Miller states that he believes Keith Johannes needs to come to the Commission with a process to collect the stamps before anything goes to Council.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that Keith Johannes has already talked with Brad Fowler about preserving the stamps with any current concrete work.

Commissioner Wickstrom states that he believes that it would be appropriate to create a motion for the preservation of these markers.

ACTION: Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Schnell) to ask the City Council to consider preserving, extracting or copying the historical concrete street markers from Town Center and to preserve them for potential future use in public art or display. Motion Carried 4-1-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: Miller ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 4: Elevating Cultural Arts in a Destination City

Commissioner Wickstrom gave a summary of the research he has discovered about creating an Arts & Cultural Economic Development plan. He states that the benefits could include increased tourism and improving the quality of life for residents of Dana Point. He also explained that various resources for this idea include Arts Orange County, California Arts Council and various Cultural Economic Development Planners. He suggested permanent outdoor band shells that could be used for concerts, film festivals, dance and public arts. Commissioner Wickstrom gave several examples of cities that have implemented such plans which included Lansing, Michigan. He also explained that funding

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could come from Town Center, Doheny Village Development Budgets and TBID. He explained that this could be beneficial for tourist trade which would then be beneficial for the city and the tax revenue.

Commissioner Schnell gave a summary on her research of Arts & Cultural Plans. She states that the cities researched have the following items in common: an Arts & Cultural plan, act in an advisory capacity, have a variety of programming, have a significant economic impact, have a cultural tourism committee and work with a variety of community partners.

F. NEW BUSINESS

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G. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) answered Commissioner Miller's questions about the Niguel Shores bridge and the Capistrano Beach bridge. He also discussed the City Council action regarding Arts and Culture Commission meetings.

H. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairwoman Jenkins shared a personal story.

Commissioner Schnell stated that she attended the New Vision fundraiser and gave the details about their first performance.

Commissioner Miller states "It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to serve on this Commission. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you very well very much this past year, these last two years. I have enjoyed seeing the progress we have made as a Commission and all we have done for the City. However it's disappointing to me that the City seems to not appreciate or take what we have done for granted. I believe that what the City Council did last night at their meeting, as far as it not being on the agenda, was an improper action, if not an illegal one and I believe their motion to have us become quarterly; to meet quarterly is backwards and taking us in the wrong direction. If we cannot, we have been trying for two years to come up with a simple objective or mission statement and I believe we're close and I believe as a Commission we have formed a very cohesive team and even when we disagree, like tonight, we still do so in a respectful manner because I think we all want the same thing. We all want for the City to prosper and grow and to be known as a beacon of hope and light and culture and art and I believe through our efforts we can and will

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eventually have cultural tourism in this City. But I believe that we should meet more and not less and I believe if we are forced to meet quarterly instead of monthly we will not reach our objectives in a timely fashion so for that reason I will be withdrawing my candidacy for reappointment to the Commission. Thank you."

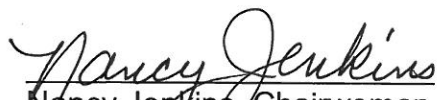
Commissioner Wickstrom had no commissioner report.

Vice-Chair Nowland attended the Chamber Mixer and stated that she will be postponing the Art Quest program due to it being too close to the end of the school year.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Jenkins announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, July 17th, 2013, 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 8:23pm.


Nancy Jenkins, Chairwoman
Arts and Culture Commission