

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

October 16th, 2013
6:00pm-7:41pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

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

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Judith Nowland, Vice-Chair Berenkia Schmitz, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins, Commissioner Janie Raub, Commissioner Karin Schnell

Commissioner Absent: None

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of July 17th, 2013.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Schmitz) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of July 17th, 2013. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Nowland, Schmitz, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

B. PRESENTATION

SOSCA student John Carroll performed several songs and was accompanied by Ray Woods.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Rydzon had a public comment and updated the Commission on the sculpture in Lantern Bay Park and states that he is working with City staff on the landscaping.

Rick Stein had a public comment and stated that he was the Director of Arts Orange County and offered to help the Commission achieve any goals they come up with.

D. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Dana Point Plein Air Competition

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Chairwoman Nowland introduced Commissioner Schnell to give information.

Commissioner Schnell described the Plein Air competitions that are happening locally, including San Clemente and Laguna Beach and gave descriptions on the specifics of these competitions. She explained what bringing a Plein Air competition to the City of Dana Point would entail, including prize money and sponsorships. She states that the time of the competition would depend upon when other competitions are being held. She states that working in collaboration with non-profits would be beneficial.

Vice-Chair Schmitz stated that she believed that this would be a good collaboration with existing non-profits who could take ownership of the event.

Commissioner Jenkins asked if a twist on the competition would be possible to expand the competition such as potentially placing artwork in local businesses.

Kevin Evans (Director) states that there is potential to add this element to various City events which could include the Concerts and the various Festivals that the City holds.

Vice-Chair Schmitz states that it is very important to give a specific roles to the non-profits so that they know that the City and the Commission supports them.

E. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 3: Art Quest

Chairwoman Nowland gave a brief summary of Art Quest and stated that she has contacted the School of the Arts at Dana High School and they are excited to provide art and stated that she is currently trying to contact the Chamber of Commerce.

ITEM 4: Public Art on Display

Chairwoman Nowland introduced Commissioner Raub.

Commissioner Raub gave a summary of the artwork displayed at the City Council Chamber Foyer and stated that the display will be quarterly.

Commissioner Raub also stated that the artwork displayed at the Community Center will also be run on a quarterly schedule and that they will encourage the various schools to display their artwork.

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Chairwoman Nowland asked for a written calendar so that this item could be placed on the consent calendar.

Commissioner Jenkins states that she would like some recognition for the featured artist.

Chairwoman Nowland asks if the artist could go on the website.

Kevin Evans (Director) states that it is possible to put the information of the artist into the City Community News, the quarterly publication put out by the Community Services Department.

ITEM 5: Elevating Cultural Arts in a Destination City

Chairwoman Nowland introduced Commissioner Jenkins.

Commissioner Jenkins stated that she shared her research at the previous meeting and states that Commissioner Schnell will also be sharing her research. She also stated that she was hoping to meld all of the research into one format.

Chairwoman Nowland stated that she also came up with some ideas and they included researching goals of other Arts and Culture Commissions, identify art assets that differentiate Dana Point from other cities, how to increase dedicated space for arts and cultural events and to create criteria for arts donations.

Vice-Chair Schmitz stated that she would like to research dedicated space for arts and cultural events.

Chairwoman Nowland states that she would like to research other Arts and Culture Commissions. She states that creating the criteria for art donations would be another good place to start.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report and stated the Elephant Parade was doing well in Dana Point and that the seniors are being taken on a special trip throughout the city to see the various elephants. He also stated that the public art piece in Lantern Bay Park is up but that the landscaping is not finished and once it is there will be a soft opening.

G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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Commissioner Jenkins states that she wants to give thanks to Commissioner Raub for her help with the sub-committee. She also congratulates Chairwoman Nowland on honoring the student who sang. She also asks if the Commission can honor the artist by giving them something.

Commissioner Schnell stated the John Wayne Airport is having their annual student art competition again and she wanted to place the applications and flyers at the Community Center.

Chairwoman Nowland handed out a survey for the Commission to hand out to others to take.

Vice-Chair Schmitz stated the various art events she has attended and she also stated various non-profits that have been affected by the government shut-down. She also gave a short presentation detailing the process of presenting various ideas.

Commissioner Raub states that there is a need for a venue to house the various arts. She believes the Commission needs to be more connected to what the Council is doing. She gave a summary of the research she discovered about the City of Cerritos. She also stated all the various art events she has attended.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Nowland announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 15th, 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 7:41pm.



Judith Nowland, Chairwoman
Arts and Culture Commission