

CITY OF DANA POINT
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes

July 23rd, 2014
6:02pm-8:15pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Nowland called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Judith Nowland, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins, Commissioner Janie Raub, Commissioner Karin Schnell

Commissioner Absent: Vice-Chair Berenika Schmitz

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 April 16th, 2014.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Raub) to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of April 16th, 2014. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell NAYS: None ABSENT: Schmitz ABSTAIN: None)

B. PRESENTATION

Student Showcase: Sadie Camacho performed a song

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Evans (Director) asked that Item #5 be moved up to Item #2

ITEM 5: Seven Year Plan

Kevin Evans (Director) introduced Dana Yarger and stated that Mr. Yarger submitted a letter with a seven year plan.

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Dana Yarger gave a summary on the Elephant Parade and apologized that the Arts and Culture Commission was not as involved and stated that more local activation would also be something that would be focused on next time. He stated that there is still momentum from the Elephant Parade. He commends City staff for all the hard work they put into this event. He states that there is another project to save the mustang called the Return to Freedom project.

Chairwoman Nowland thanked Mr. Yarger for his presentation and requested that Item #4 and then Item #3 be next on the agenda.

ITEM 4: Dana Point Plein Air Competition

Commissioner Schnell gave a summary on the progress of having a Plein Air Competition in Dana Point. She stated that she will be meeting with the Festival of Whales Coordinators to potentially have the competition during that timeframe.

Chairwoman Nowland asked that this item be put on the next agenda.

ITEM 3: Public Art on Display

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report and thanked Commissioner Jenkins for working with RH Dana Elementary School to provide artwork.

1. Artwork in the Community Center

Commissioner Jenkins stated that Bonnie Pitkin is the teacher that she worked with.

Commissioner Raub stated that the Exceptional Needs Schools' artwork will be displayed in October, November and December.

2. Artwork in the City Council Foyer

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a summary and stated that staff is working with the sub-committee to choose an artist for the foyer and that they would be chosen as an Artist of the Month. He suggested doing an article on one of the Student Showcases to be placed into the magazine.

Commissioner Jenkins suggested using artwork garnered from the Plein Air Competition to hang in the City Council Foyer.

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ITEM 2: Review of the Artist Round table

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report and stated that all the ideas that were submitted were all well-represented and it was a well-attended meeting.

Chairwoman Nowland called for a break at 7:07pm

The meeting resumed at 7:17pm

The Commission decided that the Top 3 ideas from the Artist Roundtable are:

- 1) Creating opportunities for the Arts within existing venues including schools, festivals, the harbor, hotels and resorts.
- 2) Promoting the Arts through print, online and social media.
- 3) Development of a broader definition of Arts in public places including visual and performing arts. Providing a cultural destination for Dana Point.

E. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 5: Seven Year Plan

ITEM 6: Re-Organization

Kevin Evans (Director) thanks Chairwoman Nowland for all of her hard work and states that he looks forward to working with the new Chair for 2014-2015.

Chairwoman Nowland asked for nominations for Chair for the reorganization of the current board.

ACTION: Motion made (Raub) and seconded (Jenkins) to appoint Berenika Schmitz as Chairperson of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell NAYS: None ABSENT: Schmitz ABSTAIN: None)

Commissioner Nowland asked for nominations for Vice-Chair for the reorganization of the current board.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Nowland) to appoint Karin Schnell as Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell NAYS: None ABSENT: Schmitz ABSTAIN: None)

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F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) thanked Commissioner Nowland for all of her hard work and vision for the Commission. He also thanked the Commission for all of the kind thoughts about the birth of his grandchild.

G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Jenkins stated that she wanted to explain the process that the staff off Target went through to choose an artist to do some artwork at one of their stores. The store went to the City and asked them to submit several artists for consideration for the project. She wanted to give this for informational purposes only.

Vice-Chair Schnell listed all the art events that she has attended. She also discussed how the Dana Point Women's Club is trying to revitalize the Dana Point Community House. She stated that she is now part of the Lantern District Working Group.

Commissioner Nowland thanked the Commission and staff for their kind words. She listed the various art events that she attended and participated in. She states that she looks forward to working with the new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Chairman Schmitz was not available for commissioner comments.

Commissioner Raub asked that the presentation by Chairman Schmitz from the January 2014 meeting be re-agendized because she believes more discussion is needed on this.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Schnell announced that the next regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2014, 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 8:15pm.



Karin Schnell, Vice-Chair
Arts and Culture Commission