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October 15th, 2014 6:00pm-7:04pm City Council Chambers 33282 Golden Lantern Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> – Commissioner Jenkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Commissioners Present:</u> Chairman Berenika Schmitz, Vice-Chair Karin Schnell, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins, Commissioner Janie Raub, Commissioner Judith Nowland

Commissioner Absent:

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

A. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Special Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of July

23rd, 2014.

none

ACTION: Motion made (Schnell) and seconded (Nowland) to approve the

Minutes of the Special Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of July 23rd, 2014. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub,

Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

B. PRESENTATION

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anthony Small had a public comment and wanted to thank the City and the Commission for their support of the Arts. He stated that he understood how hard it can be to support the Arts and wanted to express his gratitude and the gratitude of the Community towards the Commission.

D. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Re-Organization

1. Resignation of Vice-Chair Position

Vice-Chair Schnell stated that she submitted a letter resigning as Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission on July 24, 2014.

ACTION: <u>Motion made (Schmitz) and seconded (Jenkins) to accept the resignation of Karin Schnell as the Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture</u>

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<u>Commission. Motion Carried 5-0-0.</u> (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

Selection of the Vice-Chair

Chairman Schmitz asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Jenkins nominated Janie Raub.

ACTION:

Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Schmitz) to appoint Janie Raub as Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 3: Art Quest

Chairman Schmitz stated that Commissioner Nowland would be giving a more detailed update on the Art Quest.

Commissioner Nowland gave an update on the Art Quest program during the Festival of Whales events. She stated that the plans will hopefully bring increased foot traffic to local businesses and will bring some additional exposure to the Festival of Whales.

ITEM 4: Public Art Display

Chairman Schmitz asked for an update on the artwork on display in the Community Center and in the City Council Foyer from Vice-Chair Raub and Commissioner Jenkins.

Artwork in the Community Center

Vice-Chair Raub stated that artwork from R.H. Dana ENF has been chosen to be displayed in the Community Center.

2. Artwork in the City Council Foyer

Commissioner Jenkins stated that there was no artwork currently on display.

Chairman Schmitz asks if this program should be continued and asks for a vote.

ACTION: Motion made (Nowland) and seconded (Schmitz) to approve the continuation of the Artwork on display program in the City Council

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Foyer for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

Chairman Schmitz asks if anyone would like to continue on the sub-committee.

Vice-Chair Raub states that she would like to work on the artwork on display in the City Council Foyer.

Commissioner Nowland asked to work with the schools for the artwork on display in the Community Center.

ACTION:

Motion made (Schmitz) and seconded (Jenkins) to approve Vice-Chair Raub as the liaison for the artwork to be displayed in the City Council Foyer and to approve Commissioner Nowland as the liaison for the artwork to be displayed in the Community Center. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 5: Dana Point Plein Air Competition

Chairman Schmitz asks Commissioner Schnell for an update on the Plein Air Competition.

Commissioner Schnell stated that she has also been working with the Festival of Whales group and that it has been decided to start the Plein Air Competition at the Festival of Whales events in 2016.

E. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

ITEM 6: Sculpture Garden

Chairman Schmitz introduced Commissioner Schnell.

Commissioner Schnell stated that the City of Newport Beach held their inaugural sculpture exhibition. She stated that she would like to see a potentially similar program in Dana Point. Commissioner Schnell stated that the City of Newport Beach put out a Call to Artist and received over 260 submittals and selected 10 artists to have their artwork displayed in the park from August-August, on loan for the year. She stated that the approximate cost for this event was about \$100,000 and she suggested Sea Terrace or Lantern Bay Park as potential locations.

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Chairman Schmitz asked for more information and states that further research would be needed to determine whether or not the monies from the Art in Public Places fund could be used for non-permanent structures.

Commissioner Nowland suggested that the program would be permanent but the artwork would vary.

Commissioner Jenkins suggested the walkway in Lantern Bay Park as a possible location for the sculptures.

Chairman Schmitz suggested that artwork could be displayed in the medians.

ITEM 7: Arts & Humanities Month Celebration in October 2015

Chairman Schmitz introduced the topic and opened discussion on declaring October 2015 as Arts & Humanities Month. She also stated that there was the idea of having various arts events throughout the month, both during the day and at night, with these various events being free to the public. She named some of the various non-profits that could be involved and those included, but not limited to, the Dana Point Historical Society, SOSCA, Dana Point Photography Society, Ocean Institute, the various singing groups in the area, Dana Point Coastal Arts, the Rotary, the Dana Point Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Commissioner Nowland suggested advertising in the quarterly Community News.

Chairman Schmitz asked for a motion to look into this further.

ACTION:

Motion made (Nowland) and seconded (Raub) that the City Council receives as an agenda item the proposal to create a Dana Point Arts and Humanities month in October 2015. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

Chairman Schmitz asked about creating an Ad-hoc Committee with members of the public in order to receive more input.

Commissioner Nowland nominated Chairman Schmitz to be one of the two Commission members on the Ad-hoc Committee.

ACTION:

Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Schnell) to create a subcommittee for Arts and Humanities Month, October 2015 with Vice-Chair Raub and Chairman Schmitz as the two Commission members.

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<u>Motion Carried 5-0-0.</u> (AYES: Schmitz, Nowland, Jenkins, Raub, Schnell NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) had no staff report.

G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Jenkins asked to adopt some of Commissioner Nowlands' resolutions and thanks the Commission for a wonderful year.

Vice-Chair Raub listed all the art events that she has attended.

Commissioner Nowland stated her resolutions for 2015. Her first resolution is to have the arts become more relevant and to have more of a voice than currently. Her second resolution is to piggyback on some of the more of the successful events in the City, such as the Festival of the Whales and the BBQ Competition. Her third resolution would be for more display areas for art, such as a gallery, somewhere in the City. Her fourth resolution is to get the City Council to agree to one new art piece per year, budget permitting.

Chairman Schmitz had nothing new to add just that the Commission moves forward, celebrating the Arts every day in Dana Point.

Commissioner Schnell stated that people should take advantage of the artwork in the John Wayne Airport. She also announced the 25th annual John Wayne art competition for students.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Schmitz announced that the *next <u>regular</u>* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015, 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 7:04pm.

Berenika Schmitz, Chair

Arts and Culture Commission