

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

March 23, 2016  
6:00pm-7:05pm

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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Jenkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Berenika Schmitz, Vice-Chair Karin Schnell, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins and Commissioner Kimberly Williams.

Commissioner Absent: Judith Nowland

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director of Community Services and Parks), Yolanda Brenes (Senior Administrative Assistant), Brian McClure (Parks Manager), and Sherry Murphy (Recreation Manager).

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 1: Public Art**

**Chairman Schmitz** introduces Karen O'Connell owner of Crank and Grind.

**Karen O'Connell** discussed the idea of a mural art piece to be painted alongside the dark wall that surrounds the patio area. Would like to have a painting that represents the City of Dana Point as a whole that would include coffee, cycling, the Lantern District, palm trees and the tall ships. She introduces Jason Kuncas as to be the artist who has done work in the City of San Clemente. She passes around a sketch of the actual painting that would include more color.

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**Jason Kuncas** gave details about the mural and what type of paint and sealer would be used.

**Chairman Schmitz** stated how she believes this is an appropriate way to bring art to the City of Dana Point. Also, stated this is a positive step for the community.

**Commissioner Jenkins** inquired about the white background of mural.

**Vice-Chair Schnell** inquired if a sealer will be used.

**Jason Kuncas** confirmed that there will be bright opaque colors against the dark wall with no white background. Also, stated sealer will be used and the mural should last 20 to 30 years.

**ACTION:** **Motion made (Williams) and seconded (Schnell) to support the mural and present it to the City Council. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Schmitz, Schnell, Jenkins, Williams NAYS: None ABSENT: Nowland ABSTAIN: None)**

**ITEM 2: National Arts and Humanities Month**

**Chairman Schmitz** stated she would like the City Council to consider supporting the Arts and Humanities October Event Calendar for 2016.

**Commissioner Jenkins** stated she would like to recognize those who display the artist's work inside their businesses on the Calendar.

**ACTION:** **Motion made (Schmitz) and seconded (Jenkins) to recommend the City Council to establish a resolution identifying October 2016 as the National Arts and Humanities Month. Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Schmitz, Schnell, Jenkins, Williams NAYS: None ABSENT: Nowland ABSTAIN: None)**

**Commissioner Williams** presented detailed information regarding Jim Carol's non-profit charity organization Game Changer, who has partnered with gaming stars, X-Box and Microsoft, in having a family centric concert charity event at a City of Dana Point park. Stated that, retiree Vice-President of Disney, Mr. Storbeck has donated his time to become the event coordinator.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) stated Jim Carol made a public comment at the City Council Meeting held on March 15th and gave a presentation on Game Changer.

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In conclusion, the City Manager directed staff to present this to the Arts and Culture Commission for review. Also stated the venue is to be determined.

**Vice-Chair Schnell** inquired about possibility of weather condition constraint.

**Chairman Schmitz** inquired about distribution of funds, tax I.D. and how exactly does the charity operate.

**Commissioner Williams** stated Jim Carol is more than happy to share any financial information with the Commission. Also, stated the charter has been written to encompass abused children as well. About 45% of children with rare diseases are because of abuse. She stated not only do they provide games and gifts to these children but they will also provide transportation as needed. Game Changer will help in any way possible at any level.

**Commissioner Jenkins** made same request as Chairman Schmitz as to view detailed financial information. Suggested that children involved with the organization that reside in the City of Dana Point to be highlighted at the event.

**Commissioner Williams** stated the Jim Carol would like to protect the dignity of children and not make them feel uncomfortable.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) added that Jim Carol, gives back to the Community, and provides scholarships to Dana Hills High School students for their accomplishments in the arts.

**ACTION:** **Motion made (Schmitz) and seconded (Williams) to support the Benefit Concert Game Changer. Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Schmitz, Schnell, Jenkins, Williams NAYS: None ABSENT: Nowland ABSTAIN: None)**

**Dana Yarger** made a presentation about the painted California Cultural Heritage Art "Cow" display throughout the City of Dana Point which represents milk as a healthy choice for children. The Entity "Got Milk" campaign has commissioned 30 California artists to paint coastal themes on the cows. The finished sculptures are in a warehouse ready for display. After display they will be auctioned off and 100% of the proceeds will go to Camp Ronald McDonald. Stated he plans to display 15 during the beginning summer months and the additional 15 end of summer into the fall until October. The cost of transportation is involved and there is no sponsorship. Stated the same platforms used for the elephant display will be reused for the cow sculptures.

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**Vice-Chair Schnell** inquired about the possibility of incorporating the display of sculptures at the Art Walk event held on October 23rd.

**Dana Yarger** stated he's open to any possibility of dates for display. He prefers the display to be soon and showcased into October.

**Chairman Schmitz** stated her support and is very pleased that it benefits a very reputable charity such as Ronald McDonald.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Schnell) to support the California Cultural Heritage Art Display Project. Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Schmitz, Schnell, Jenkins, Williams NAYS: None ABSENT: Nowland ABSTAIN: None)

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

**Kevin Evans** is excited about the Del Prado Car Show that has already about 120 exotic cars involved. Also stated, the Arts and Culture Commission will meet bi-monthly instead of every 3 months.

**G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Chairman Schmitz** was pleased to say that the Dana Point Symphony inaugural was a huge success and sold out.

**Vice-Chair Schnell** had the pleasure of attending the Dana Point Symphony and was reminded of how rich and incredible their group is and noticed the number of people coming to see the symphony increasing.

**Commissioner Jenkins** was happy to pass out Hobie Memorial pins.

**Commissioner Williams** added that Kathleen Torchia will be at the April Commission meeting and is excited to announce that the Capistrano Beach Church has offered to be a venue for the Opera Show.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

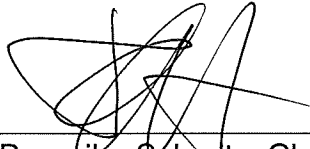
**Chairman Schmitz** announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on April 20, 2016 beginning at 6:00pm (or as soon thereafter) in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

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**The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Schmitz', written over a horizontal line.

Berenika Schmitz, Chairman  
Arts and Culture Commission