

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

February 20th, 2013
6:00pm-8:19pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00p.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 Alan Wickstrom

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 January 16th, 2013.

ACTION: Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Nowland) to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of January 16th, 2013. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland 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. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Arts and Culture Commission Goals for 2013

Chairwoman Jenkins gave a summary about wanting to find a few goals for the Arts and Culture Commission for the year of 2013.

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Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report and states that staff is looking for further input from the Commission regarding long or short term goals should money become available or should the Council ask for ideas or input on Arts and Culture within the City of Dana Point.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that there is probably is one goal that the Commission members could agree upon and it is increasing the publicity for the Arts in Dana Point. She also suggests the cataloging of the art pieces within the City of Dana Point.

Commissioner Schnell asks for clarification as to if the goals are short term or long term.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that her goal is to complete something that can be measured.

Commissioner Wickstrom states that he believes that goals that can be completed and cost little money would be good to complete. He suggests the Artist of the Month. He also suggests that private artwork can be donated to the City. He asks about a possible small stipend to the artist for the donation.

Vice-Chair Nowland asks if the artwork donated would be permanent or be given back to the artist.

Commissioner Miller states that he likes the idea because it would increase publicity for art.

Kevin Evans (Director) states that staff can work with Commissioners to look at details of an art donation program.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that there are two goals established. She further clarifies by stating the first goal is to increase public awareness of Arts and Culture in the Community and the second goal would be to explore a policy or procedure for artwork to be donated.

Commissioner Miller states a recap of the goals from the previous meeting including the creation of pads for future artwork in the Town Center which would include electricity.

ACTION: Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Miller) to increase public awareness of Arts and Culture in Dana Point and increase

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opportunities for world-class art whether it be donated or commissioned. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 3: Doris Walker Update

Kevin Evans (Director) introduced the artist of the Doris Walker Tribute, Christopher Pecharka, who gave an update on the art piece.

Christopher Pecharka had a public comment and stated that the bronze pop-up book is complete and it looks like the drawings that he sent over to the Commission.

Kevin Evans (Director) stated that the mold will be stored in the Community Services Department. He states that there are three plaques that are going to be installed next to the monument. One of the plaques will include a biography of Doris Walkers' life. The other two plaques will have listings of the City Council, Arts and Culture Commission and the Planning Commission. There will be a nice dedication of the Doris Walker Overlook and the Tribute at the same time.

Commissioner Wickstrom asked about the time frame of the dedication and the publicity that will be put out to the public and suggests a separate story about Christopher Pecharka.

Chairwoman Jenkins agrees with Commissioner Wickstrom about the story on Christopher Pecharka with a separate story about the Doris Walker Tribute.

ITEM 4: Art on Display

There was no staff report.

Commissioner Schnell gave an update on the Art in the Foyer of the City Council Chambers. She stated that there were twenty-eight submittals and that the top six choices were chosen by the Ad-hoc Committee. She states that the Commission will be choosing the artwork that will be the cover of the Summer Edition of the "Community News."

Commission Wickstrom stated that his top three choices were "Tide Pool Sunset", "No Room" and "Rigging".

Vice-Chair Nowland stated that her top three choices were "Pelican Partners", "No Room" and "Tide Pool Sunset".

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Chairwoman Jenkins stated that her top three choices were "No Room", "Harbor Mast Reflections" and "Tide Pool Sunset".

Commissioner Miller stated that his top three choices were "Playground", "No Room" and "Pelican Partners".

Commissioner Schnell stated that her top three choices were "Tide Pool Sunset", "Harbor Mast Reflections" and "Playground".

The Commission came to a consensus that "Tide Pool Sunset" by Dennie Hahn and "No Room" by Theresa Smith were the two art pieces to potentially be the cover for the Community News Summer Cover.

Commissioner Schnell states that the Ad-Hoc Committee would like to have a featured artist that would be exhibited in the City Council Foyer on a quarterly basis. She states that it would be open to Southern Orange County Residents; open to any mediums, with the artwork relating to Dana Point. The artists would be able to submit up to six photos and a short biography would be asked of the artist as well.

Chairwoman Jenkins asks for clarification of the quarter system that would be used.

Kevin Evans (Director) asks if the Ad-Hoc Committee will bring the submittals to the Commission for review and he also suggests a September start date.

Commissioner Wickstrom states that the Ad-Hoc Committee should be able to place the artwork in the Foyer and inform the Commission when it is in place.

Commissioner Miller states that he agrees and states that the artwork in the Foyer would tie in well with the Artist of the Month and an article on the artwork.

Chairwoman Jenkins asks for a summary of the points from Staff.

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a summary of the following points about the featured artist for the City Council Foyer: looking to send out a call to artists to all Southern Orange County Artists, it must have a Dana Point theme, the will be asked to submit a minimum of six pieces for consideration, the final decision would be completed by the Ad-Hoc Committee and that this would be launched in September.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that she would like to leave the October display up through December so the new display could start in January.

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Vice-Chair Nowland gave an update on the Art in the Community Center and states that the artwork currently on display are the top five submittals for the 2012 and 2013 Festival of Whales Logo artwork. She also states that the next pieces of artwork to be displayed will be from RH Dana Elementary and will be up through April. She states that the Ad-hoc Committee is looking to Palisades and private schools for submittals for the next rounds of artwork. She also states that they hope to work with the Boys and Girls Club as well.

Commissioner Wickstrom asks if there will be a reception or gathering for the new artwork going up and asks it to be considered for a Saturday afternoon if possible.

E. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 5: Identify Potential Locations for Art in Public Places

There was no staff report.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that the Commission could be involved with potential locations for Art in Public Places through the Elephant Parade and possibly through the Town Center design. She states that the Elephant Parade organizers might ask where elephants should be placed. She also states that while the Town Center organizers might ask for ideas or locations for artistic input from the Commission. She also suggested that as time goes on the Commission might be asked for locations for artwork to be placed and so she suggests the Commission should choose favorite locations for Art in Public Places.

Commissioner Wickstrom asks if the Harbor would be a possible location for artwork placement.

Kevin Evans (Director) states that it is not City property but that there is the possibility for collaboration with the County.

Chairwoman Jenkins asks for clarification of the dividing property lines of the County and City in the Harbor. She suggests that the Commission does some research and come up with five locations that the Commissioners would like to see artwork placed.

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Commissioner Miller agrees and states that he would also like to couple the research of locations with an inventory of the current artwork in the City. He would also like, when the inventory of the current artwork is taking place, to keep track of the themes of the artwork.

Vice-Chair Nowland suggests looking at items in a bigger scope such as a sculpture garden instead of a singular piece.

Chairwoman Jenkins suggests starting with favorite locations for possible artwork and that it would be possible to expand the scope of artwork at a later time.

Kevin Evans (Director) reminded the Commission that the walkway in Lantern Bay Park has been discussed as an art walk in the past and the various landings at Heritage Park could be for various pieces of art. So he suggests looking for locations for both singular and multiple pieces of art. He also gave an update on the money in the Art in Public Places fund.

ITEM 6: Artist of the Month

Chairwoman Jenkins called for a break at 7:31pm.

The Commission reconvened at 7:33pm.

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report stating that this item was created to recognize an artist in the community. He also states that there are some questions which will need to be answered in order to implement the program. He does suggest a quarterly system for administrative reasons.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that she does not want to be the only one choosing the artists.

Commissioner Wickstrom states that he believes the Chair should be the one to choose the artist but that they should be able to delegate the task if they would like. He also states that the choosing of the artist should coincide with the release of the Community News.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that she hopes the choosing of the artists will be a collaborative effort and hopes to get ideas from all of the Commissioners. She asks the criteria for those who will be eligible for this recognition.

The Commission came to a consensus that the artist chosen should be a Dana Point resident.

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Commissioner Miller suggests that the first artist to be chosen for recognition is Christopher Pecharka.

Commissioner Wickstrom suggests those that are eligible for recognition should also be people who work in Dana Point, such as teachers, and not just those that reside in Dana Point.

Vice-Chair Nowland suggests the Steve Rydson could be another artist for consideration.

Chairwoman Jenkins suggests a player in the Dana Point Symphony, if there is someone who is a resident. She agrees that those who work in Dana Point should be eligible. She does ask for clarification on the dates the article would need to be submitted to be placed in the Community News.

Kevin Evans (Director) suggests that staff sit down and come up with a calendar and bring it back at the next Commission meeting. He also states that staff can write the article on the artist.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that she is willing to write the article and turn it over to staff for edits. She states that she hopes to honor the artist at a meeting with a selection of their artwork in whatever medium they work in. She asks if the artist should receive a certificate or a plaque.

Kevin Evans (Director) asks for clarification on who will notify the artist that they were chosen. He also asks what will be submitted for the article and where the work will be displayed.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that she will notify the artist and that she would like to see a biography of the artist and some examples of their artwork. She also states that the artwork could be set up at the meeting they are being recognized at or in a PowerPoint presentation.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) states that on March 21st there will be a meeting of the Arts Council and invites the Commission to attend.

G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairwoman Jenkins stated that while in Argentina she saw movable artwork and thought that maybe Dana Point could have something similar.

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Commissioner Schnell states that she attended the Symphony performance. She also stated that the Ocean Institute Jazz Festival was opening soon and she reminded the Commission about the New Visions Theater Company reception. She also states that the Festival of Whales is coming up as well.

Commissioner Miller states that he attended the Symphony.

Commissioner Wickstrom gave updates on the SOSCA Art events within the Community.

Vice-Chair Nowland states that she would like to see an exhibit space for artwork in the City of Dana Point.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Jenkins announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 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 8:19pm.


Nancy Jenkins, Chairwoman
Arts and Culture Commission