

# CITY OF DANA POINT

## ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING



**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

## ACTION MINUTES

**Location: City Council Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California 92629**

### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Dana Point, California, was called to order by Chair Jenkins at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 33282 Golden Lantern, Dana Point.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Schnell.

### ROLL CALL OF ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Nancy Jenkins, Chair  
Karin Schnell, Vice-Chair  
Maria Elena Banks, Member  
Ashley Keene, Member  
Laura Smith Hatch, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Rosaler, Deputy Director of Community Services; Jaimie To, Senior Management Analyst

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Yarger (Dana Point) spoke about Commissioner Ashley Keene's mural at Olamendi's Restaurant.

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 9, 2022 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANKS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KEENE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2022 MEETING BE APPROVED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Keene, Commissioner Smith Hatch, Vice-Chair Schnell, Chair Jenkins  
NOES: None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2. LANTERN BAY PARK STAIRS UPDATE**

Staff Member Rosaler provided an update on the Lantern Bay Park Stairs project. There was a meeting with the artist, landscape architect and concrete contractor. A landscape design that was presented and there is still no decision yet about the timing of the installation.

Vice-Chair Schnell added that the new railings are being installed and that Mia Tavonatti, the artist, is working with many other artists on this project.

Discussion ensued.

### **3. UTILITY BOX ARTWORK PROGRAM PHASE 3 UPDATE**

Staff Member To provided an update on Phase 3 of the Utility Box Artwork Program. All of the utility boxes included in Phase 3 have been wrapped since the last Arts & Culture Commission meeting and uploaded on the City's website for viewing.

Discussion ensued.

### **4. DANA POINT SISTER CITIES UPDATE**

Staff Member To provided a report that the Friendship Agreement with Dana Point and Sorrento, Italy was signed on January 13, 2023.

Bob Zaza, President of Dana Point Sister Cities provided additional updates on Dana Point Sister Cities efforts and upcoming events as well as asking for the Commission's backing to be itemized on the agenda at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued.

### **5. LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE RELATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Commissioner Smith Hatch provided an update on the January 12, 2023 Arts & Culture related Non-Profit Meet & Greet and the upcoming Non-Profit Summit training in June.

Discussion ensued.

### **6. DIRECTORY FOR LOCAL DANA POINT ARTISTS**

Vice-Chair Schnell provided an update on the progress of the directory for local Dana Point artists, which includes 47 artists so far. She mentioned that the Ad Hoc Committee would like to include not only visual arts, but also performing arts, which includes dance, literary, music, and theater.

Commissioner Smith Hatch added that the directory is currently being worked on and will hopefully have it up by the next meeting in April.

Discussion ensued.

## **7. COUNCIL CHAMBER FOYER AND COMMUNITY CENTER ARTWORK**

Commissioner Smith Hatch announced that she worked with Kid Create Studio for local children's art to be displayed at the Community Center in January and February. For March and April, there is a whale-based theme, and then she will be working with Recreation Manager, Sherry Murphy, to create a list for artwork throughout the year.

Vice Chair Schnell shared that the current artwork in the Council Chamber foyer is last year's Festival of Whales kid's contest artwork, which is important to keep up through the Festival of Whales. After that, the idea is to take the local artist directory and select 1-2 artists to showcase their artwork in the foyer.

Discussion ensued.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. PRADO WEST ROTATING ART**

Hannah Bailey, Marketing Manager for Raintree Partners, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Prado West's rotating art program

Discussion ensued.

### **9. MURAL BY OLAMENDI'S**

Commissioner Keene announced that she was honored to be able to paint a mural honoring veterans displayed at Olamendi's restaurant and shared about a possible art show there.

Discussion ensued.

### **10. NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH – OCTOBER 2023**

Chair Jenkins shared that several years ago, the City Council approved that October would be Dana Point's Arts and Humanities Month to coincide with the National Arts and Humanities Month and wanted to discuss potential event ideas for this year.

Commissioner Smith Hatch followed up with additional ideas by reaching out to more restaurants, artists and the Dana Point Historical Society, and possibly hold a weekend event in October.

Discussion ensued.

---

## 11. ARTSOC 2023 MEMBERSHIP

Staff Member To reported that the City's annual membership with Arts Orange County is up for renewal and is recommending that the Arts & Culture Commission approved the City's membership.

Discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANKS AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SCHNELL THAT THE CITY'S 2023 MEMBERSHIP IN ARTS ORANGE COUNTY BE APPROVED

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Keene, Commissioner Smith Hatch, Vice-Chair Schnell, Chair Jenkins

NOES: None

## ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSONER REPORTS

Commissioner Banks reported that she has taken the position of the liaison with Dana Point Entertainment and Arts Council (DPEAC) events and that the Film Festival is scheduled for May 4-5, 2023. Vice-Chair Schnell added that the Dana Point Film Festival website is very good.

Commissioner Keene shared that the Laguna Cliffs Marriot started highlighting local artists a couple of months ago and the program is starting back up again. Any artists can showcase their artwork there.

Vice-Chair Schnell announced that the Dana Point Art Fest is going to be on Sunday, June 11, 2023 on two blocks on Del Prado, showcasing approximately 100 artists. The event is growing and there is going to be food, music, and art.

Commissioner Smith Hatch reported that as part of the Dana Point Festival of Whales, there is going to be a Concert on the Cliff series with tickets available on Ticketmaster.

Chair Jenkins shared that the Lord of the Strings' upcoming event is on Saturday, February 11, 2023 with Adam Rafferty performing at Mission Viejo City Hall. She also mentioned that the Dana Point Symphony had a celebration last weekend as they are back in Dana Point, selling over 300 tickets. The next two concerts are March 10, 2023 and April 21, 2023 and tickets can be purchased on their website.

## STAFF REPORTS

Staff Member Rosaler shared that the Festival of Whales is on March 4-5, 2023 with the Festival of Whales parade kicking off the event on Saturday and a concert and BBQ on Sunday.

---

---

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Arts and Culture Commission at this session, Chair Jenkins announced the next regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission to be on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. held in the City Council Chamber and adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

---

NANCY JENKINS, CHAIR

---

DATE