CITY OF DAMA POINT

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING



WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2023 6:00 P.M.

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 Commissioner Smith Hatch.

ROLL CALL OF ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Reenders, Assistant City Manager; Jaimie To, Senior Management Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANKS AND SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIR SCHNELL THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023 MEETING BE APPROVED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Keene

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. LANTERN BAY PARK STAIRS UPDATE

Staff Member Reenders provided an update on the logistics of the stairs installation. They are moving along and have a meeting with all of the contractors next week.

Vice-Chair Schnell added that all members of the Arts & Culture Commission with the exception of Commissioner Keene visited Mia's studio and got to see the mosaic in person. She also mentioned that media may be interested on doing a documentary on the process.

Discussion ensued.

3. UTILITY BOX ARTWORK PROGRAM PHASE 3 UPDATE

Staff Member To provided an update on the Utility Box Artwork Program.

Discussion ensued.

4. LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE RELATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Commissioner Smith Hatch announced that she has been working with Jeff Rosaler to hold the upcoming Non-Profit Symposium on June 8th, which will include breakout sessions with topics including grant writing and research, fundraising, membership retention and development, and volunteer management and engagement. A formal invitation will be sent out this month.

Discussion ensued.

5. DIRECTORY FOR LOCAL DANA POINT ARTISTS

Commissioner Smith Hatch provided an update on the directory of local Dana Point artists, which is now live on the website. She also mentioned that artists in the community will continue to be added and a performing arts section will also be on the website in the near future.

Vice-Chair Schnell said that she will send some more artists to be added to the directory.

Discussion ensued.

6. COUNCIL CHAMBER FOYER AND COMMUNITY CENTER ARTWORK

Commissioner Smith Hatch shared that the Festival of Whales contest artwork is currently up at the Community Center with a ribbon designating the winner. Artwork will be rotated every two months, so the next time period will be May to June. She is currently reaching out to local elementary and high schools to feature student artists and is open to any additional ideas.

Vice Chair Schnell announced that the Council Foyer currently showcases framed Festival of Whales art and would like to propose an art exhibit in the foyer to promote Dana Point artists.

Discussion ensued.

7. NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH - OCTOBER 2023

Commissioner Smith Hatch shared some ideas including featuring a weekly historical pioneer of Dana Point, displaying artwork at various restaurants and businesses as local galleries, and art programming one weekend of the month.

Chair Jenkins followed up that directories of art activities going on in the month was not successful in the past and will continue working on creative ways to showcase art.

Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

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Commissioner Banks announced that the Dana Point Film Festival will be from May 4-7, with the main event showcasing the Endless Summer film on May 5th from 4pm-9pm at Salt Creek that is free and open to the public. She also shared that she just got back from Italy and got some ideas on how to display artwork.

Commissioner Smith Hatch reported that Senator Janet Nguyen of the 36th District is hosting a photo contest, specifically for iconic images on the coast with a deadline of April 30, 2023.

Vice-Chair Schnell shared that she attended the March 8th Community Visioning workshop for the General Plan Update. She also mentioned that there will be an event on April 29th and 30th called Art Along the Coast, which is an exhibition of artists around Orange County. There is also a new non-profit in town called Arts For All. They provide music education for children who do not have access to music and there is going to be a performance open to the public on May 20th from 2-4pm at Stillwater. Vice-Chair Schnell then announced that the 8th Dana Point ArtFest will be taking place on Sunday, June 11th from 10am – 5pm on Del Prado and everyone is really excited about this.

Chair Jenkins reported that the Dana Point Symphony's upcoming concert is on April 21st at St. Edwards Catholic Church. Also, the Lord of the Strings' upcoming event is on April 29th at the Mission Viejo Civic Center. Laurence Juber will be the guitarist and he is a grammy award winner.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff Member Reenders shared events that are happening in the next few months. Earth Day is coming up on April 22nd with a Monarch Butterfly Habitat project, State of the City on the 26th, Redo Market along Del Prado on April 30th, and the Film Festival at the beginning of May, followed

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by the Palm Festival. The Trolley program is starting Memorial Day weekend and then all of the summer activities in June including Movies in the Park, ArtFest and then the Summer Concert series. She also announced that three Arts and Culture Commission member terms are expiring in June. Applications will open on April 27th and close on May 26th through the City Clerk's office.

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, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. held in the City Council Chamber and adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.