

CITY OF DANA POINT
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2011
6:00pm- 9:31pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Schnell called the meeting to order.

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chairwoman Karin Schnell and Vice-Chair Alan Wickstrom, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins, Commissioner Matthew Miller, Commissioner Judith Nowland

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director), John Tilton (City Architect) and Monique Leon (Community Services Secretary)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting November 16, 2011.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Miller) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting November 16, 2011. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Woods had a public comment and he wanted to express that the South Orange County School of the Arts is excited to work with the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alicia Erlinger had a public comment and she wanted to express that she hopes that the Commission will connect with the Community. She states that the Dana Point Theatre Company is eager to work with the Commission and wants to ensure that the performing arts are not forgotten.

Jonathon Bond had a public comment and spoke about the various aspects of the Arts Program at Dana Hills High School. He explains that the South Orange County School of the Arts Program at Dana Hills High School is a mix of all of the various types of arts.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

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D. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

E. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Town Center Status Report.

Chairwoman Schnell opened the item for the staff report.

John Tilton (City Architect) is a Town Center Plan which will be for any new development in the City was voted on and put into place in 2008. Each new development, which is required, has a place for Public Art. Since then a lot of the developments have been put on hold. The Commission would review the public art component for each new development. He also states that public art work could be created and instigated by the Arts and Culture Commission. He also explained that until the Arts and Culture Commission was created the Planning Commission made the decisions about the artwork in new developments. He clarified that with artwork that is linked to a developer then the Arts and Culture Commission gives its input to the Planning Commission. Artwork that is not connected to a developer does not need to be approved by the Planning Commission.

ITEM 3: Discuss options for a Doris Walker Memorial

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a brief background of Doris Walker and opened the discussion for ideas for location, type and funding for an artistic memorial for Doris Walker.

Chairwoman Schnell opened the discussion for public comment.

Carlos Olvera came up for public comment and suggested a possible committee to work with staff to come up with ideas for the memorial. He suggested guidelines that would establish when a person would be able to have a memorial established in their name. He suggested parks, alleys and gazebos that could be renamed for Doris Walker. He strongly suggests the Blue Lantern Gazebo as a possible site.

Yvonne English came up for a public presentation with various public art projects that she has seen throughout the country. She provided a print out of a power-point presentation with various examples of public art. She suggested that some of these art projects could work as a memorial for Doris Walker.

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Some of these public art projects include sculptures, mosaics, murals, walks and photography.

Chairwoman Schnell opened the floor to discussion about possibilities and ideas for the Doris Walker Memorial.

Commissioner Nowland suggests a memorial that would celebrate a wide variety of volunteers, starting with Doris Walker and including others. Some of these others would include police, docents, Commissioners, etc.

Yvonne English had another public comment and stated that she would like to possibly make Heritage Park into a sculpture park, starting with Doris Walkers' memorial.

Commissioner Miller suggests having members of the Commission discuss the various locations and ideas with Carlos Olvera and Doris Walkers' sons and then at the next meeting bring back several ideas.

Chairwoman Schnell calls for a recess at 8:06 p.m.

Chairwoman Schnell recalls the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

ITEM 4: Discuss options for art placement in the Foyer of the Council Chambers.

Kevin Evans (Director) explains that staff is looking for direction from the Commission as to type, length of time presented and the selection process of the art of the foyer. He asked for direction as to the type of art, if it would be regional or just relating to Dana Point.

Chairwoman Schnell opens the item for public comments.

Carlos Olvera had a public comment and explained that he helped create the storyboard that is currently out in the Foyer of the Council Chambers. He explains that the Historical Society has story boards or could create storyboards for the Commission could use to put up.

Chairwoman Jenkins states that she put this item on the agenda because it was a low-cost item that could be put into place quickly. She suggests photos from the Dana Point photo book. She listed a possible schedule for placing art up in the Foyer. She also suggested artwork on the City's channel, channel 30.

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Commissioner Nowland is supportive of the idea and would like a second site for the rotating art program. She suggests the Community Center or the Library.

Commissioner Wickstrom suggests guidelines and paperwork for choosing the art. He suggests interactive digital/interactive art.

Chairwoman Schnell states that a curator and/or a system needs to be put in place. She states that guidelines will also need to be put into place for elementary schools artwork.

ACTION: Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Jenkins) to suggest to Council to work with the Dana Point Historical Society and the Photographic Art Club to put up artwork in the Foyer of the Council Chambers. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 5: Create Short-term and Long-term Goals for the Arts and Culture Commission.

Chairwoman Schnell deferred item #5 to a special meeting.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) opened staff reports with the idea of having a special meeting either on the 21st or 28th of January, at a TBD location. He asked for direction and for agenda items for the special meeting.

Commissioner Miller suggests short term and long term goals for the agenda. He also suggests an inventory of the art in public places that the City has in place.

Kevin Evans (Director) suggests that the meeting be a more informal, round table setting with the public. He suggests that staff be at the meeting to assist at each table.

Kevin Evans (Director) suggests the afternoon to ensure that the widest group of people could attend.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Miller) to have a public Special Meeting on January 28th, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

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G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairwoman Schnell opened the floor to Commissioner reports.

Commissioner Jenkins had no report.

Commissioner Miller suggests a short biographical paragraph on each Commissioner.

Vice-Chairman Wickstrom reported that he has attended various community events.

Commissioner Nowland spoke about the Commission becoming organized and solidifying plans.

Chairwoman Schnell asks for clarification for about the City's email blast notifications.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Schnell announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 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 adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Karin Schnell, Chairwoman
Arts and Culture Commission