

CITY OF DANA POINT
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2011
6:00pm- 6:56pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Kevin Evans (Director) called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Karin Schnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director), Kathy Ward (City Clerk) and Monique Leon (Community Services Secretary)

OATH OF OFFICE

Kathy Ward (City Clerk) gave the oath of office.

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

ITEM 1: Election of Chairperson for the Arts and Culture Commission

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Wickstrom) to approve Karin Schnell as Chairwoman of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 2: Election of Vice-Chairperson for the Arts and Culture Commission

ACTION: Motion made (Nowland) and seconded (Miller) to approve Alan Wickstrom as Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no Public Comments.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

D. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Schoeffel gave a brief welcome speech to the new commissioners. He described how proud he was of all the new Commissioners and how they will be contributing to the history of Dana Point. He is also proud that Dana Point has joined the ranks of cities that recognize the value of arts and culture as paramount to their community. He also discussed how Council chose an excellent group of people for the Commission and how the bar will just be set higher and higher for the next Commissions. He explains how the Commission has the opportunity to grow people's minds, hearts and take care of their souls. He asks that the Commissioners be guided by excellence and states that if they are guided by excellence people will gravitate towards it and they will be inspired by it.

Vice-Chairman Wickstrom thanked the Mayor for coming up with the idea and forming an Arts and Culture Commission. He thanked him for his diligence with this project.

Chairwoman Schnell also thanked the Mayor for his support with the Commission. She then asked for comments on the time and date of the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Jenkins asked that it not be the last Wednesday of the month.

Vice-Chairman Wickstrom asked for suggestions from City Staff on date and time for Commission meetings.

Kevin Evans (Director) suggested that the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month works for the Council Chambers schedule.

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Commissioner Miller asked if 6pm was standard and then suggested that the Commission hold their meetings at 7pm in order to allow more people to attend the meetings and to beat traffic.

Kevin Evans (Director) suggested that a motion should be made for the date and time separately.

ITEM 3: Select Meeting Day for Arts and Culture Commission

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Miller) to hold the Arts and Culture Commission Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Motion carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Jenkins, Miller, Wickstrom, Nowland, Schnell NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None)

ITEM 4: Select Meeting Time for Arts and Culture Commission

ACTION: Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Nowland) to hold the Arts and Culture Commission Meetings at 6 p.m. Motion Carried 3-2-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom and Nowland NAYS: Miller, Jenkins ABSTAIN: None)

F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) congratulates the Commissioners and states that he is available for them at any time.

G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairwoman Schnell opened the floor to Commissioner reports.

Commissioner Jenkins suggested that the Commissioners discuss a program where art would be rotated through the Council Chamber Foyer. She suggested that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Miller is grateful to be on the Commission and is excited to be on the ground floor of being able to influence the City. He states that he is very grateful for being welcomed into the City and into the Commission. He would like to get a staff report and updates on the Harbor Revitalization Plan and the Town Center Plan to see how the Arts and Culture Commission can get involved. He states that he would also like to see a Performing Arts venue implemented in this

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town. He would like it to be somewhere that the Historical Society could also use. He agrees that the art program in the Foyer of the Council Chambers would be a great start but that the Commission also needs to look at other Cities and see how they display public art. He would like to find the best ways to show off the City through art.

Commissioner Nowland is grateful to be on the Commission. She would like to see immediate and constant art, for example; in the Foyer of the Council Chambers or at the Community Center. She would also like to see a semi-annual goal such as a 9 month rotation of art. Thirdly she would like to have a big goal, like the Performing Arts Center. She states that another possible goal would be art that would bring business into the City. She uses the examples of the Newport Film Festival and the Pageant of the Masters.

Commissioner Miller states that he would like to come up with an action plan and state some clear goals for the Commission.

Commissioner Nowland states that she would like to do something immediate and site specific where they are making an impact. She also would like to create a big goal they all decide on that would put Dana Point on the map.

Chairwoman Schnell states that it would also allow the public to know the goals and purpose of the Arts and Culture Commission. She would like to see it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Commissioner Jenkins states that she thinks that they get the broad goals and then the specifics would vary as they progressed.

Chairwoman Schnell stated that she would like to make sure that the public knows that the Commission would like their input.

Vice-Chair Wickstrom suggests a page on the City's website that is specifically for the Arts and Culture Commission.

Commissioner Nowland suggests an art entry program for the public so that they could be involved.

Vice-Chair Wickstrom states that one of their first art projects should be a Doris Walker memorial.

Chairwoman Schnell asks that a memorial for Doris Walker be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. She also asks that the Commission work with Carlos Olvera from the Historical Society on the memorial.

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Vice-Chair Wickstrom asks for an explanation of the agenda and decision making process. He also asks how to get an item on the City Council's agenda.

Kevin Evans (Director) explains how the Commission comes up with ideas and then the Council passes it along to the appropriate staff or Commission, etc. for further action. The Mayor does set the agenda for the Council meetings.

Doug Chotkevys (City Manager) explains that the Mayor does get to set the agenda but due to the excitement about the Commission that the recommendations of the Commission would get heard quickly.

Commission Jenkins asks if the Commission would ever get a secondary say on a project once it gets passed on to Council.

Doug Chotkevys (City Manager) explains that Council and the Planning Commission would be receptive to the ideas of the Commission.

Commissioner Miller asked what budget is available for projects and if there was a way to find out.

Doug Chotkevys (City Manager) explains that there is an art in public places fund.

Kevin Evans (Director) stated that once a project is proposed then staff would look into the details such as funding and come back to the Commission with further information.

Chairwoman Schnell describes the article in the Orange County Register that mentions what the Arts and Culture Commission is. She also mentions the photo book of Dana Point and she mentions the dedication of the fountain at La Plaza Park which will be held on December 5th.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Schnell announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, 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.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



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