

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

May 16, 2012
6:00pm- 8:29pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairwoman Schnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director) and Monique Leon (Community Services Secretary)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting April 18, 2012.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Nowland) to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting April 18, 2012. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

B. PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATIONS

Glen Pascal made a presentation of artwork to the Commission by the artist Robert Pence. Mr. Pence was present and gave a speech behind the meaning and creation of the painting. Mr. Robert Hotchkiss was also there for the presentation and detailed how the painting was given to the City of Dana Point.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan MacLeod had a public comment and stated that she was an artist from Laguna Niguel and that she was looking for venues in which to showcase her work. She mentioned that she that her artwork was currently showcased at the Ocean Institute. She asked that her email be included on the public forum list of emails.

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Mary Anne Fenstermaker had a public comment and submitted a packet to the commission detailing her plan for an art museum in Dana Point.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

E. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Doris Walker Ad-Hoc Committee Status Report

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report detailing the City Council approval of the Commission approved artwork by Christopher Pecharka. He also explained that the subcommittee was working with the artist for final details. He also stated that the possible date for dedication of the Tribute to Doris Walker was August 18th. The City Council also approved the naming of the Heritage Park compass point to the Doris Walker Overlook.

F. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 3: Discussion of Goals and Objectives

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report detailing that the short term goals can be pulled from the ideas gathered at the public forum. He also stated that the long-term goals should be pulled from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Community Survey that was completed in 2005. He stated that the City Council, by resolution, created the Arts and Culture Commission and that the resolution identified the Arts and Culture Commission as an advisory board to the City Council in all matters regarding art in the City of Dana Point.

Chairwoman Schnell describes her five top short term goals, she states that these short term goals have limited or no direct costs. Her top 5 goals include; the public art being listed and showed on the City's website; a centralized online art calendar; exploring possible locations for Public Art; develop a partnership with DHHS/SOSCA & Youth Board; and develop and gather a database of local artists. She also stated that her long term goal would be the Master Arts Plan for the City of Dana Point.

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Vice-Chair Wickstrom proposed a short term goal of reviewing different ways to increase funding for Public Art. He also agrees with Chairwoman Schnell's idea of creating an online inventory of public art.

Commissioner Miller states that he would like to make a concise mission statement for the Commission. He states that he believes that there is a difference between a mission statement and a resolution. He agrees with the list of short term goals provided by Chairwoman Schnell. He states that he would like to increase music in the City.

Commissioner Nowland states that she agrees with Commissioner Miller and believes that the Commission should create a mission statement.

Commissioner Jenkins suggests a slogan instead of a mission statement so that it can be more concise. She states that she is comfortable using the resolution as the mission statement and is comfortable with choosing the short term goals.

ACTION: Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Nowland) that the Commission creates a mission statement that is in line with the resolution. Motion Carried 3-2-0. (AYES: Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: Schnell, Jenkins ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

Chairwoman Schnell opens up discussion on short term goals.

Commissioner Nowland states that she really liked the idea of the Commissioners writing a column in the local paper with the mention of various art events happening. She also stated that she liked the idea of the hotels sharing the various art events that are going out into the City.

Commissioner Jenkins suggests that we use technology to share information of the various art events going on. She also suggests an increase in performing arts in the City. She states that she would like to see the Commission have a voice in regards to the art placed in the Town Center, Doheny Village and in the Harbor Plan.

Chairwoman Schnell called a recess at 7:52pm and reconvened at 7:57pm.

ITEM 4: National Arts and Humanities Month

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report with the suggestion that the Commission approves the recommendation of designating the month of October

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as the National Arts and Humanities Month. He suggested that once the Commission approves the recommended action, staff will take the item to the City Council for action. He also further recommended that the City Council prepare a proclamation with the designation and that the City Council approve the idea of dedicating a piece of art in October.

Commissioner Nowland asked if the location would be decided before the artwork would be chosen.

Kevin Evans (Director) states that the Commission could choose the location now.

Chairwoman Schnell states that she would like to choose a site, then send it out to artists and then the Commission could choose from the different submissions.

Commissioner Nowland asks about the guidelines that will be given to the artists and how the artists would be contacted.

Vice-Chair Wickstroms asks if a monetary amount could be added to the recommended action.

ACTION: Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Miller) to approve recommended action with a budget not to exceed \$40,000. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland, Wickstrom NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

G. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) gave a staff report and suggested that the Community Services Department can put in a few pages in the Community News about the Arts and a possible Arts calendar. He also mentioned that the City will be making the Geographical Information System (GIS) open to the public so they can find out information about private and public land and amenities in Dana Point. It has been discussed adding a section where the Art in Public Places can be located by the public.

H. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Jenkins stated that the Art in the Foyer Subcommittee will be meeting between now and the next Commission meeting.

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Commissioner Miller stated the different events he has attended and he also stated that he also was hoping to create a framework for the way things get done with the Commission.

Commissioner Nowland had no Commissioner report.

Vice-Chairman Wickstrom stated the events he has attended and also stated that he would like to see the Commission more involved with the Dana Point Symphony.

Chairwoman Schnell talked about "The Art on the Fence" that will be happening on May 26th from 12-3pm. She stated that she and Kevin Evans are attending a workshop by Arts Orange County on June 1st.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Schnell announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 20th, 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 was adjourned at 8:29pm.



Karin Schnell, Chairwoman
Arts and Culture Commission