

CITY OF DANA POINT
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2016
5:59pm-7:16pm

City Council Chambers
33282 Golden Lantern
Dana Point, CA 92629

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Schmitz called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL Commissioners Present: Chairman Berenika Schmitz, Vice-Chair Karin Schnell, Commissioner Judith Nowland, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins and Commissioner Kimberly Williams.

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Nancy Jenkins (Left at 6:30pm)

Staff Present: Kevin Evans (Director of Community Services and Parks) and Yolanda Brenes (Senior Administrative Assistant)

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 1: Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of October 14th, 2015.

ACTION: Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Williams) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of October 14th, 2015. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schmitz, Jenkins, Schnell, Nowland, Williams. NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

Chairman Schmitz asked to discuss Item #4 first.

ITEM 4: Del Prado Car Show and Art Walk Update:

Kevin Evans (Director) introduced Cindy Nelson (Interim Economic Development Manager).

Cindy Nelson (Interim Economic Development Manager) gave an update on the Del Prado Car Show. She is looking forward to having the event on April and July 17th, and October 23rd of 2016 from 1 to 5 p.m. She added how merchants are very excited to continue the Art Walk twice a year; May 15th and September 18th 2016. Also stated she is open to any additional ideas.

Chairman Schmitz suggested adding the Art Walk to October 23rd instead of Sept 18th.

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Cindy Nelson (Interim Economic Development Manager) agreed to the October 23rd date.

Kevin Evans (Director) suggested in bringing a performing arts element to both events.

B. PRESENTATION

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

D. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 2: Art in Public Places – Hobie Alter Art Piece

Robbie Roberson gave an update on the Hobie Alter Art Piece. Stated they have the final depiction of the memorial art piece. Has received kind donations and have reached to 47% of their goal.

Vice-Chair Schnell shared they are very pleased that Assemblyman Bill Brough sent a letter of support to the Mayor Pro Tem John Tomlinson emphasizing the importance of the Hobie Memorial. Also, shared the Dana Point Historical Society has made a contribution to the Hobie Memorial.

E. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 3: Public Art Display

Chairman Schmitz introduced Commissioner Schnell and Commissioner Nowland to introduce new artist.

Vice-Chair Schnell introduced the next artist Ellen Schauer to display artwork in the Chambers' foyer.

Commissioner Nowland stated she will be working on bringing new artwork to the Community Center.

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Commissioner Williams volunteered in bringing musical entertainment to events.

Commissioner Jenkins suggested an idea in incorporating a Jazz Festival. Stated additional hours to the Art Walk would be much more productive.

Commissioner Nowland inquired about expense and the City's involvement.

Kevin Evans (Director) stated the City will be providing a space for the car display. Also stated the City will partner with the Chamber of Commerce which has access to local businesses for any sponsoring and or donation opportunities.

ITEM 5: Community Opera Theatre in Dana Point

Commissioner Williams introduced opera singer Kathleen Torscha.

Kathleen Torchia (Capital Opera Companies Inc.) she would like to bring opera to the City of Dana Point. She passed around an example brochure of performances being held in Laguna Hills on July 15th and 16th. She inquired about performing in Dana Point on July 17th. She stated no funds are needed in fact the City will receive funds. All is needed is a venue.

Chairman Schmitz commented on the July 17th date not being feasible.

Kathleen Torchia Stated if this year does not work she's open to next year of 2017.

ITEM 6: Benefit Concert in the Park

Commissioner Williams shared an opportunity that was brought to her attention and reads a letter from Jim Carol requesting a concert at the Park partnering with Game Changer. Game Changer is a nine-year non-profit organization based in Dana Point. This benefit will raise funds for children of Orange County battling rare diseases. With Game Changer's extended social media reach it will help bring unprecedented talent and publicity to the City of Dana Point.

Vice-Chair Schnell inquired of tentative date since summer concerts have been scheduled.

Kevin Evans (Director) affirmed the summer concerts have been reduced from 9 Sundays to 8 Sundays. Possibility of having benefit concert would either be last weekend of June or first weekend of September.

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Commissioner Nowland inquired about funds.

Commissioner Williams stated that Jim Carol is in possession of a warehouse full of corporate donations of expensive games they could raffle. She stated they will look into corporate sponsorships. She also stated they would like to deter from ticket sales.

Chairman Schmitz inquired about percentages of distributed funds.

Commissioner Williams Stated Jim Carol is open to share any financial information necessary.

F. STAFF REPORTS

Kevin Evans (Director) looking forward to a very exciting year. People are looking to see more visual and performing arts in the City of Dana Point. Congratulated the Arts and Culture Commission for their hard work. Arts and Humanities Month in October of 2015 was a huge success.

G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice-Chair Schnell thanked staff for the Calendar of Events. She attended January 19th Council Meeting, which are in the process of sending out a request of proposal to update their general plan. Inquired about the Arts and Culture Commission's Master Plan.

Commissioner Nowland congratulated Chairman Schmitz on becoming Chairman. Is looking forward to all of this year's art events. She would like to see the possibility of creating art grants to high school art groups within the City in order to promote the arts. She inquired about creating art labs such as jewelry or ceramics somewhere within the City.

Commissioner Williams stated, just as the Dana Point Symphony is an integral part of the community, she believes the opera community could be an amazing part of the City and bring the same energy towards the arts as well. Would like to propose the Arts and Culture Commission to offset costs and create a self-sustained opera theatre group. Also stated because of certain communication and time constraints, she would like to meet every month instead of every three months.

Chairman Schmitz thanked everyone and is looking forward to this year's events.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Schmitz announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on April 20, 2016, beginning at 6:00pm (or as soon thereafter) in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Berenika Schmitz, Chairman
Arts and Culture Commission