

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

January 16th, 2013  
6:01pm-8:31pm

City Council Chambers  
33282 Golden Lantern  
Dana Point, CA 92629

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Wickstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioner Absent:** none

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

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ITEM 1:** **Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting December 19th, 2012.**

**ACTION:** **Motion made (Miller) and seconded (Nowland) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of December 19th, 2012. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Andrea Papagianis** had a public comment and introduced herself as the new City Editor for the Dana Point Times.

**John and Yolanda Kalb** had a public comment and introduced themselves to the Commission as the new owner/operators of the New Visions Theater Company that will be housed in a building on Del Prado. They state that they will hold classes for youth and adults and will be creating a sixty person theater. They also stated that their long term goal is to help create a performing arts center.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

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**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 2: Doris Walker Tribute Update**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report about the Doris Walker Tribute. He explained that work has been done and that the pedestal has been placed at Heritage Park. In front of the tablet there is a 180 degree view of the harbor and water. He also showed the Commissioners the plaque that will be placed at the bottom of the pedestal. He states that concrete will be poured soon and the book top and the plaques need to be completed before the dedication. He states that they are estimating it will be completed in the Spring of 2013.

**ITEM 3: Lantern Bay Park Public Art Display Update**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a brief staff report about the Lantern Bay Park Public Art Display. He stated that the project has received a lot of support from the Planning Commission and the Laguna Cliffs Marriot. He also stated that the City Council approved the project at the meeting the night before.

**Steve Rydzon** had a public comment and answered the Commissioners questions about the projects. He stated that the fabrication process wouldn't take too long and that he was inspired by the area surrounding the park and that he wanted to highlight the surrounding area.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that up-lighting will be installed with this art piece as well.

**ITEM 4: Art on Display**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report and stated that Judy Dorr, the Principal from Richard Henry Dana Exceptional Needs Facility, attended the City Council Meeting and thanked the Council for working with them to get the children's artwork out in the public. He also stated that the children's artwork was displayed in the Foyer for the meeting.

**Commissioner Schnell** updated the Commission about the new artwork in the Foyer.

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**Vice-Chair Nowland** decided if the Calendar theme had been decided on as "Reflections" or if it was changed. She also states that the display at the Community Center went over very well. The Ad-Hoc has decided that the next artwork that the Community Center will be the Festival of Whales (FOW) logo submittals and after that it will be the RH Dana "Meet the Masters: Norman Rockwell" artwork.

**Commissioner Schnell** states that the FOW artworks that will be displayed are the top five submittals from 2012 and 2013. The submittals will be placed on canvas and hung up in the Community Center.

**ITEM 5:      Arts and Culture Commission Goals for 2013**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report stating that this is a continuation of an item and he would like the Commissioners to discuss their goals for 2013.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** states that the Commission is an advisory board to the City Council and so they can't delegate funds or dictate public policy. She states that she would like a few areas that the Commission could work on together. She states that one of her ideas is to increase publicity on the community and the art in the community and not on the Commission.

**Commissioner Miller** asks staff about the answer for increasing the Art in Public Places contribution to 1%. He also asks about the answer for videotaping or televising the meetings. He also asks for clarification on the process of getting press releases out to the public.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that the Art in Public Places 1% was for future implementation within the Town Center Plan. He states that the Arts in Public Places fund will remain at .5% until the City Council chooses to change it.

**Commissioner Miller** asked if the City would be required to pay the 1% for making changes to land, for example Medians.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that he has answers for the other questions from Commissioner Miller, about televising and/or recording the meeting. He states that because of historical practice only the Council could change the fact that only the City Council can change that but that it was a financial decision made as well. He also states that anything that is submitted by the Commission has to go through the City Manager's approval. He explained that all emails are also public record when they are in regard to the Commission.

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**Chairwoman Jenkins** states that she believes publicity should be increased so that the whole community is aware of the arts. She suggests working with Dana Hills High School and possibly highlight an artist or a musician.

**Commissioner Wickstrom** states that he thinks it would be a great idea and doesn't see why it wouldn't work.

**Commissioner Schnell** states that she sees the Commission as advocates for the arts.

**Commissioner Wickstrom** suggests taking the Artist of the Month to the Council meeting for additional recognition.

**Vice-Chair Nowland** states that she likes the suggestion as it will increase publicity for the arts.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** asks if staff could look into this and it could be carried over to possibly become operational.

**Commissioner Miller** states that upgrades to the website might be in order and that social media, including Facebook, and adding photos of the artwork to the website.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** asks for a website overview of the Arts and Culture Commission page from staff and asks if the Artist of the Month could be placed on the website.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) stated that it could be looked at.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** asks if other events can be placed under the Arts and Culture Commission Events section on the website.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that any events can be added.

**Commissioner Wickstrom** asks if the symphony is on the Arts and Culture Commission Calendar and asks if it can be added. He states that the Summer Concerts and the Symphony and other such events should also be under the Arts and Culture Calendar and not just the City Calendar.

**Commissioner Miller** suggests that Commissioner Wickstrom work with staff on this updating the calendar.

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**Chairwoman Jenkins** suggests looking for possible locations for public art but not creating three pieces of art in a year or else the Commission would run out of money.

**Vice-Chair Nowland** states that she thinks the Commission should work to create a vision and bring in world-class art instead of doing little things. She states that she believes that the Commission needs to think of bigger projects. She states that for 2013 she believes that they need to focus on trying to bring world class art and culture to Dana Point.

**Commissioner Schnell** states that staff does do well with being open to finding places to put public art. She states that she agrees that the Commission needs to continue looking for space for artwork.

**Commissioner Wickstrom** suggests looking for a vision for a performing arts center and paying for that. He states he doesn't know if it will be working with Council or with the Commission for that.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** states that town center is the focus of the City Council and not a performing arts center.

**Vice-Chair Nowland** agrees and states that a performing arts center should be in the forefront and that it is hard to have world-class art without a place to put it.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that in the Parks Master Plan a performing arts center and a concert venue are a part of the plan.

**Vice-Chair Nowland** asks if there has been talk of partnering with anyone to create the performing arts center.

**Commissioner Schnell** explained that it was tried several years ago.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) stated that there was a Committee for the Sea Terrace Park and for building a new library. He stated that funds were not available and so things came to a halt.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** states that she is looking for a goal that they can complete in the 2013 year and that she doesn't think that raising the money will happen. She suggests highlighting the arts that are currently going on and bringing attention to that.

**Commissioner Wickstrom** asks for a report for the Arts in Public Places Fund and suggests it be a quarterly reporting of the money.

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**Commissioner Schnell** suggests completing the goal of placing all the public art in the City on the website with a blurb about each one. She states it might be able part of the NEA grant.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 6: Recreation Guide Cover Contest**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report stating that the Commission was suggesting taking one of the Artwork in the Foyer art pieces and placing it on the Community News cover.

**Commissioner Schnell** suggests a Call to Artist that asks for the cover and the monthly photos. She asks if that would be the same.

**Vice-Chair Nowland** states that she recollects the Call to Artist for the Summer Magazine was going to be done first and then another one for the Calendar.

**Commissioner Schnell** states that according to her notes the Calendar photos don't have to be submitted until September to be printed by Thanksgiving.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** asks if the Commission would like to create an ad-hoc Committee for the Calendar or if it will be the entire Commission choosing the photos.

**ITEM 1: The image selection of the 2014 City Calendar will be done by the entire Commission.**

**ACTION: Motion made (Wickstrom) and seconded (Schnell ) to approve that the image selection of the 2014 City Calendar be done by the entire Commission. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Schnell, Wickstrom, Jenkins, Miller, Nowland NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)**

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) states that the Elephant display was approved by the City Council at the previous meeting. He also states that the Dana Point Symphony will be starting up again soon. He also states that the Chamber of Commerce would like to open up an art walk at the Festival of Whales Block Party that is on the first Saturday after the Parade.

**Chairwoman Jenkins** asked to reopen the public comments.

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**Dana Yager** had a public comment and gave a summary about the Elephant Parade and explained how it is an international exhibit. He also explained that the event will benefit the Asian Elephants.

**G. KARIN'S KORNER**

**Commissioner Schnell** detailed her work with submitting the \$50,000 NEA Grant. She also stated that the City of San Clemente put out a Call to Artist for public art and utility box beautification. She next brought up the whale walk paintings at Doheny State Beach and states that they are planning a ten whale project. She also discusses the Ocean Institute Jazz Festival will be held February 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. She also states that the Dana Point Symphony will be holding their first concert on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> and that they will have a visual artist as well.

**H. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Chairwoman Jenkins** shows a picture of an outdoor speaker and suggests placing something like these in the town center.

**Commissioner Miller** has no Commissioner report.

**Commissioner Wickstrom** gave information about the SOSCA dance concert called "Ingenuity".

**Vice-Chair Nowland** wanted to wish every a healthy and happy 2013.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairwoman Jenkins** announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013, 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 8:19pm.**

  
Nancy Jenkins, Chairwoman  
Arts and Culture Commission