

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

April 15th, 2015  
6:06pm-7:42pm

City Council Chambers  
33282 Golden Lantern  
Dana Point, CA 92629

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Berenika Schmitz, Vice-Chair Janie Raub, Commissioner Nancy Jenkins and Commissioner Karin Schnell.

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Judith Nowland (entered at 6:22pm)

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 of January 21st, 2015.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Raub) and seconded (Schnell) to approve the Minutes of the Regular Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of January 21st, 2015. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: Nowland ABSTAIN: None)

**ITEM 1:** Minutes of the Special Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of January 26th, 2015.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Schnell) and seconded (Raub) to approve the Minutes of the Special Arts and Culture Commission Meeting of October 15th, 2014. Motion Carried 4-0-1. (AYES: Jenkins, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: Nowland ABSTAIN: None)

**B. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Anthony Small** had a public comment and stated that he wanted to remind the Commission about the Capistrano Arts Festival on April 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he would like to share the information again and offer his services in getting information out to the public.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**Chairman Schmitz** asked that New Business be moved to before Old Business.

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**D. NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM 5: Art in Public Places – 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment Fountain**

**Chairman Schmitz** introduced the Dana Point 5<sup>th</sup> Marines and asked them to start their presentation.

**Terry Rifkin** described the relationship between the City of Dana Point, the Marines of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment and the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment Support Group. She stated that the Support Group wanted to provide a gift to the City as a tribute to this relationship and honor the Marines and their families. She stated that three artists were chosen to submit possible designs and that one art piece was chosen. Leslie Souza from Silhouwest was introduced and described the Art piece and the surrounding landscape that was designed.

**Chairperson Schmitz** asked some questions regarding materials being used, color options and specifics on the water feature.

**Commissioner Schnell** asked questions regarding the dimensions and location of the art piece.

**Commissioner Jenkins** asked questions regarding the water feature of the art piece and the drought.

**Vice-Chair Raub** asked if this design was permanent.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) discussed location, water feature depth and ADA requirements in regards to placement of the art piece. He also shared the future process that is required to get this art piece put in place.

**Chairman Schmitz** stated that she would like the art piece to have a sense of gravity to benefit the Marine Corps and asked if a description would be attached explaining the art piece.

**ACTION:** Motion made (Jenkins) and seconded (Schnell) to accept the concept of the Seahorse Fountain for the 5<sup>th</sup> Marines tribute art piece. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Jenkins, Nowland, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

**ITEM 6: Art in Public Places – Public Art Display**

**Commissioner Schnell** introduced Lance Jost and the group working on this project.

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**Lance Jost** gave background regarding how he knew Hobie Alter and the influence that he had on the surfing community and on himself directly. He also described a way to use fiberglass with multiple layers of bronze in order to create a patina instead of a straight bronze casted sculpture.

**Chairman Schmitz** asked where the funding is coming from and if there was any support from the family and/or company.

**Lance Jost** stated that he did not know who would be contributing to the art piece but that the family was very interested in having this artwork completed. He stated that fundraisers were being put in place.

**Commissioner Schnell** asked if there was any piece of art in the City that had a mix of public and private funding.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) explained that the fountain in La Plaza Park was funded by a mix of private donations and City funding.

**Robbie Roberson** had a public comment and thanked the Commission for supporting the Arts and Culture. He also stated that Hobie was a great inspiration the arts and the culture in the area. Mr. Roberson stated that Hobie is a huge part of the local heritage and that the local heritage needs to be respected and remembered.

**Tom Maury** had a public comment and stated that Dana Point is the center of world culture, the surfing culture which includes surfing and boogie boarding. He states that the skateboarding culture came from the surfing culture and that Hobie was at the beginning of this culture. He states that a memorial would honor someone who contributed greatly to the culture.

**Wayne Schaffer** had a public comment and stated that he is speaking in support of a memorial for Hobie Alter as a fitting tribute. He stated that Hobie has benefitted the lives of many people through surfing and sailing.

**Commissioner Jenkins** stated that a potential art piece could be placed in Town Center.

**Chairman Schmitz** states that she believes public art is very important and that it always important to memorialize where we came from. She also states that public art goes through a rigorous process which ensures that the art pieces have aesthetic value as well as fits any financial constraints and that this art piece is at the beginning stages of this process.

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**ACTION:** Motion made (Schnell) and seconded (Jenkins) to approve in concept the Hobie Alter memorial with the recommendation to have the group return with a comprehensive plan which is to include funding options. Motion Carried 5-0-0. (AYES: Jenkins, Nowland, Raub, Schnell, Schmitz NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None)

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEM 2: Festival of Whales Art Quest Programs**

**Chairman Schmitz** introduced Commissioner Nowland.

**Commissioner Nowland** gave a final summary of the Festival of Whales Art Quest Program.

**ITEM 3: Arts and Humanities Month**

**Chairman Schmitz** gave an update on Arts and Humanities Month. She asked if the arts event could be placed on a calendar.

**Kevin Evans** (Director) stated that staff could receive information from the Commission regarding events going on throughout the month of October and it could be then placed on a calendar to be put in the brochure and on the City website as well.

**ITEM 4: Public Art Display**

**Chairman Schmitz** introduced Vice-Chair Raub.

**Vice-Chair Raub** gave an update on the Public Art Display in the City Council Foyer and stated that Duke Caldwell is the artist for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. She also stated that Carmella Hardy is the artist that will be on display during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

**Commissioner Nowland** gave an update on the Public Art on Display in the Community Center and she stated that Palisades Elementary is providing the artwork to be on display.

**F. STAFF REPORTS**

**Kevin Evans** (Director) gave a staff report stating that the City Council did decide to move forward on the new recruitment of the Arts and Culture Commission. He did say that the caveat is that any Commissioners with two years left on their terms,

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which is Chairman Schmitz and Commissioner Nowland, do not have to re-apply. He also stated that the Arts and Culture Master plan update was submitted to be considered for the budget and is to be going under review by the City Council. He also states that the meeting in July will be the re-organization meeting and that there are symphony tickets for the Commissioners if they are interested.

**G. ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**Chairman Schmitz** stated two events that she attended including a S.T.E.A.M conference which went over how to bring arts into the common core curriculum. She also attended Los Angeles as LAB in Arts and Innovation conference at Claremont University.

**Vice-Chair Raub** stated that she attended a play at Segerstrom and that she has received calls regarding the Town Center.

**Commissioner Jenkins** stated that she attended a string orchestra event for children and that it was a phenomenal event. She also stated that she went to lunch at the Wine Bistro and found out that they have a monthly art event. She listed other special events that could be promoted for October including a wine reception at Jacks restaurant.

**Commissioner Nowland** stated that she met with Mr. Small and Mr. Fielder who are PTSA Art Advocates and stated that they are very supportive of working with the Commission to promote student artwork. She also stated that she attended a youth board meeting. She also stated that she attended a weekend long arts conference and stated that she was hoping the City had someone who reached out to these conferences. She also discussed an art festival put on by the Capistrano Unified School District and invited the Commissioner to support the event.

**Commissioner Schnell** stated that it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Artist Studio and Home tour and invited the Commissioners to participate.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

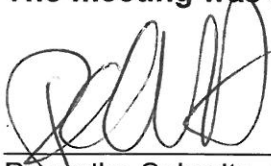
**Chairman Schmitz** announced that the *next regular* meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission will be held on July 15th 2015, beginning at 6:00pm (or as soon thereafter) in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

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**The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.**



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Berenika Schmitz, Chairman  
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