

# CITY OF DANA POINT

**ARTS AND  
CULTURE  
COMMISSION  
MEETING**



**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**ACTION MINUTES**

**Location: City Council Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California 92629**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Dana Point, California, was called to order by Chair Jenkins at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 33282 Golden Lantern, Dana Point.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chair Schnell.

**ROLL CALL OF ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Nancy Jenkins, Chair  
Karin Schnell, Vice-Chair  
Maria Elena Banks, Member  
Ashley Keene, Member  
Laura Smith Hatch, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Reenders, Assistant City Manager; Jaimie To, Management Analyst

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Julie Price (Dana Point) spoke about the City's street light banners and how they don't speak to her anymore and recommended doing something like Laguna Beach.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8, 2022 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING**

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANKS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KEENE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2022 MEETING BE APPROVED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Keene, Chair Jenkins

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Smith Hatch, Vice-Chair Schnell

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2. LANTERN BAY PARK STAIRS UPDATE**

Staff Member Reenders provided an update on the Lantern Bay Park Stairs project. The kick-off meeting was at the end of July. The first step of the project is to move the railings from the top of the stairs to the side of the stairs, with a start date of November that will approximately take 2 weeks to complete. Mia, the contractor working on the mosaic, is looking at a spring/summer install.

Vice-Chair Schnell added that Mia is working with other artists on this project. Mia is documenting the process on Facebook, which can be viewed on [www.facebook.com/miatavonattiproductions](http://www.facebook.com/miatavonattiproductions).

Discussion ensued.

### **3. UTILITY BOX ARTWORK PROGRAM PHASE 3 UPDATE**

Staff Member To provided an update on Phase 3 of the Utility Box Artwork Program. Four utility boxes have been wrapped so far and uploaded on the City's website for viewing.

Discussion ensued.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. FINAL UTILITY BOXES**

Staff Member To reported that after Phase 3 of the Utility Box Public Artwork Program is completed, there will only be two boxes left citywide that do not have art. She is recommending to work with the Dana Point Historical Society for the box on Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive and Kajsa James on the box on Pacific Coast Highway and Blue Lantern.

Kajsa James presented her idea for the utility box on Pacific Coast Highway and Blue Lantern featuring sea turtles, which would honor her late daughter Maddie James and the Maddie James Foundation.

Discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANKS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH HATCH THAT THE UTILITY BOX ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND BLUE LANTERN BE WRAPPED WITH ARTWORK PROVIDED BY KAJSA JAMES FOR THE MADDIE JAMES FOUNDATION.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Keene, Commissioner Smith Hatch, Vice-Chair Schnell, Chair Jenkins  
NOES: None

Vice-Chair Schnell recommends forming an ad-hoc committee of two Commission members to work with the Dana Point Historical Society to select photos for the utility box on Golden Lantern and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Chair Jenkins and Commissioner Keene volunteered to be on the ad-hoc committee.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BANKS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH HATCH THAT THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION FORM AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF CHAIR JENKINS AND COMMISSIONER KEENE TO WORK WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO SELECT PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE UTILITY BOX ON GOLDEN LANTERN AND DANA POINT HARBOR DRIVE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Keene, Commissioner Smith Hatch, Vice-Chair Schnell, Chair Jenkins  
NOES: None

## **5. LOCAL ART AND CULTURE RELATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Commissioner Smith Hatch has been reviewing the Dana Point website and noticed that there is a dedicated page for local non-profits related to arts and culture, but that it needs to be updated.

Discussion ensued.

## **6. PLEIN AIR AT MARITIME FESTIVAL**

Vice-Chair Schnell shared that 19 artists painted down at the Maritime Festival last weekend, which was a big hit. To follow-up on this event, the artists are going to bring in two pieces of framed artwork, which will be available for purchase. Chair Jenkins announced that on September 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>, all of the artists who submit their work will be at Dana Bay Gallery on Del Prado. The evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> is the opening reception and everyone is welcome to attend.

Discussion ensued.

## **7. HOLIDAY CRAWL**

Commissioner Banks shared that the Holiday Crawl is coming together. There will be vendors and local restaurants joining with upscale pop-ups, holiday music, and more. The Holiday Crawl will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Commissioner Keene added that this event is community driven and will help support the local merchants.

Discussion ensued.

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## ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSONER REPORTS

Commissioner Banks attended the Dana Point Classic Car show, which was a great event and had a phenomenal turn-out.

Commissioner Keene was at the Maritime Festival this past weekend and also shared that it had a good turn-out despite the weather. She also mentioned that the Dana Point Farmers Market has great creators and produce and takes place on Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm at La Plaza Park in front of Hennessey's.

Vice-Chair Schnell stated that the Dana Point Arts Alliance worked with the Laguna Cliffs Marriott for a pop-up gallery on Labor Day weekend. She specifically worked at the booth with Cliff Wassman, who is a photographer and painter. They had many different artists there and are talking about doing more events like this in the future. Vice-Chair Schnell is also on the John Wayne Airport Arts Commission and shared that the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual John Wayne Airport Student Art Competition for Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade is underway. This year's theme is "Air Sports and the Environment" with a deadline of October 28<sup>th</sup>. The artwork will be exhibited at the airport and the top prizes are airline tickets.

Commissioner Smith Hatch did not have anything to report, but is looking forward to working with all of the Commission members. She also thanked Breeana Greenberg from the Dana Point Times, who helped feature local Dana Point artists who were at the Laguna Beach Art Affair and Festival of Arts in an article. She also mentioned that free admission day for Dana Point residents is on Sundays.

Chair Jenkins shared that this upcoming Saturday from 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Dana Point Community Center is the Soroptimist International Craft Fair. She also shared that the Lord of the Strings will be playing again at Mission Viejo City Hall on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

## STAFF REPORTS

Staff Member Reenders commended all Commissioners for their hard work to create cultural experiences and help artists create more art in the community. She is also looking forward to the next Plein Air event. She also shared events coming up in the next couple of months including the Trolley Hop on September 25<sup>th</sup>, creative opportunities like the Porch Decorating Contest and the Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest for kids in October, Halloween Spooktacular, Spooky Treat Trolley, and the Redo Market returning on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Arts and Culture Commission at this session, Chair Jenkins announced the next regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission to be on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. held in the City Council Chamber and adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.