City of Newport Beach

**Newport Beach City Arts Commission**

**March 11, 2010 – 5:00pm**

**Central Library Conference Room**

**Convened at 5:05pm**

# **Call To Order and Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant, Chair

Gilbert Lasky

Carole Boller

Christopher Trela

Rita Goldberg, Secretary

Robert Smith, Vice Chair

Wendy Brooks

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director; Jana Barbier, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: Carmen Smith; Jacqueline Hahn

**Public Comments:** Artist Jacqueline Hahn introduced herself and presented an array of photographs she had taken for the Arts Commissioners to see. She was encouraged to apply for a City exhibition and was given an Art Exhibition Application, as well as the application for the 2010 Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was MSP (Brooks/Trela) to approve the February 11, 2010 Minutes with the following change: Commissioner Brooks asked that on page 3, the title for the subcommittee “Cultural Art Grant” be changed to “Cultural Arts Grants”.

**Continued Business**:

**Staff Report /Correspondence -** Reviewed and filed.

**Correspondence/Press –** Reviewed and filed.

**Committee Updates**:

*Fine Arts Committee* – Commissioner Boller passed around a sign-up sheet for duties associated with Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale event on Saturday, April 10, and hoped everyone would be available to volunteer. She noted that she was working on donations of wine and Robert reminded the group that last year they had run out early.

Robyn Grant suggested that the Arts Commission change their regularly scheduled meeting from Thursday, April 8 to Monday, April 5. Staff would check room availability.

*Performing Arts Committee* – Commissioner Goldberg noted that plans were moving forward for two concerts this summer, the Hutchins Consort violin group on July 25 at Grant Howald Park; and “The U.K. Beat” on August 8 at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. Staff noted that Performance Contracts were currently with the City Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Grant thanked the committee for their work, but suggested that they use alternative parks next year, trying to move the performances all around the City. Commissioner Grant suggested a synopsis of the two Shakespeare plays to be performed be written and distributed to attendees. Staff would ask the Shakespeare by the Sea organization if they had this already.

*Arts Foundation Liaison Committee* – Commissioner Boller noted that the volunteers with the Arts Foundation were planning to help with the Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale. She announced that the Art and Crafts in the Park event they were planning would take place for one day only, this year at Mariners Park on June 19. Commissioner Boller noted that the Arts Foundation was doing a great job and that they very much enjoyed the museum bus tour to see “Renoir in the 20th Century”.

*Budget Committee* – Staff noted that while nothing official had been done, to expect some cuts to monies available for programming this year and next.

*Art in Public Places Committee* – Commissioner Smith updated the committee on meetings with Commissioner Trela and City Council persons. He noted that one meeting was held to further collaboration with the Orange County Museum of Art to curate sculpture installation at the new Civic Center and a Memorandum of Understanding was being formulated by the City. Commissioner Smith noted that the Arts Commission would be able to review proposals and further a recommendation to City Council for a final vote. Smith noted that staff had been working with the OCMA on a final letter of intent to the National Endowment of the Arts for the application of a grant for public art. Commissioner Trela noted that this collaboration would bring regional and national attention. Commissioner Grant offered a big thanks to Commissioner Smith for the inroads and partnerships he had developed.

Commissioner Smith also reported that the first lecture developed by the Orange County Museum of Art and the NB Public Library Foundation on art in public places would take place on May 26 with Mary Bibbi and Alexis Smith.

Commissioners Grant and Smith had met with the Irvine Company and had been asked if the “Flyers” sculpture could be donated to the City. Commissioner Smith noted that the sculpture was already donated and currently in a crate at the City yard.

*Cultural Arts Grant Committee –* Commissioner Brooks stated that she was looking for bids for the food at the Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale. She noted that she had attended a grant workshop with the Irvine Foundation. She had sent a letter to Cultural Arts Grant recipients, alerting them to opportunities for funding from this organization. Commissioner Grant thanked her for her efforts. It was noted that all correspondence that is sent on behalf of the Art Commission be reviewed by the chair before it is sent.

**New Business:**

Staff noted that in order to save on unnecessary paper output and postage, a new directive was sent by the City Clerk’s office that all future Agendas and Minutes are sent electronically, rather through regular mail.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Commissioner Announcements:** Commissioners Grant and Goldberg reminded the group to attend an event at “The Bungalow” on Monday, March 15, and that council members would be bartending and the Newport Beach Film Festival would be receiving the tips.

**It was MSP (Smith/Lasky) to adjourn the meeting.**

**Adjournment: 6:17p.m.**