

City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 5:00pm Central Library Conference Room

Convened at 5:01pm

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant, Chair; Rita Goldberg, Secretary; Robert Smith, Vice Chair; Gil Lasky; Christopher Trela; Carole Boller, Arlene Greer

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: None

Public Comments: None

Arts Coordinator Barbier was unable to stay for the meeting and left at 5:15pm. Commission Secretary, Rita Goldberg offered to take the minutes from 5:15 through the remainder of the meeting:

Minutes from prior meeting approved.

Committee Reports:

Visual Arts

Commissioner Boller indicated that the Lenahan artwork had been dropped off for restoration and will be framed. Jana Barbier indicated that the purchase requisition has been made and requested that staff be consulted in regards to the frame selection. Commissioner Boller indicated that the cost of restoration and framing was estimated to be under \$5,000. Commissioner Boller indicated that the Oasis Center may be interested in displaying the Lenahan art collection. Jana Barbier indicated that Library Director Cynthia Cowell may have a preference regarding the future display of these artworks and should be consulted.

Commissioner Boller indicated that she would like to set up a meeting with Commissioner Greer and Jana Barbier to review all the City's art collection. Commissioner Boller also requested that a meeting be scheduled between herself, Commissioner Greer and Jana Barbier regarding the scheduled art show to be held April 14th at the Oasis Senior Center.

Performing Arts

Commissioner Grant indicated that previous Broadway musical performer contacted her to be considered for next summer's concerts. Commissioners Goldberg and Lasky agreed that Broadway music would be redundant this soon and expressed a preference to seek out other musical genres instead.

Commissioner Goldberg indicated a preference for outreach of quality local talent for next summer's concert series and will investigate the opportunity to have students at OCHSA perform.

Commissioner Goldberg indicated that a Gene Autry Museum tour is scheduled for mid-February (16th) but she will be unable to attend due to a conflict. Jana Barbier and Commissioner Grant will be in attendance. Commissioner Boller noted that the museum will be hosting an American Masters display at that time and offered to contact Jana Barbier with the information so it can be included in the publicity.

NBAF

Commissioner Greer shared dates of upcoming events sponsored by the NBAF. Pack of Lies theater performance is slated for February 25th and Art in the Park is slated for June 16th.

Art in Public Spaces

Commissioner Smith indicated that the Tree Under Bridge sculpture is now scratched due to ADA issues. The artist will be approached for another idea.

Commissioner Smith indicated that the City Attorney noted that if we accept the Sky Divers piece and don't end up finding a place to display it, then the artist may have recourse. Commissioner Smith indicated he would contact the artist and get in writing a satisfactory understanding regarding this matter.

Publicity

Commissioner Trela noted that he acknowledge the article in the Daily Pilot regarding the art grants.

Granting Discussion

Commissioner Grant noted that the Commission needs a Cultural Arts Grants Committee. Commissioners Goldberg and Greer volunteered to co-chair this committee.

Budget

Commissioner Lasky indicated that there is \$13,701.08 left in the budget through June of 2012. This amount will be needed to fund museum tour(s), Art Exhibit, and possible Imagination Celebration. A Budget Allocations Item was requested to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

December Meeting

The December Meeting is cancelled and a commissioners/spouse or guests holiday party will be held at the home of Commissioner Grant.

Motion to Adjourn, seconded, approved.