

## Minutes - CAC Meeting Minutes March 8<sup>th</sup> 2012

### ***Recorded by Commissioner Goldberg, Secretary***

Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant; Robert Smith; Rita Goldberg; Gil Lasky; Chris Trela; Carol Boller; Arlene Greer; Mayor Nancy Gardner; Cynthia Cowell

Public Comments; Guest Reporter from Daily Pilot – Brittney Barnes introduced herself and noted she came to cover Sky Divers Sculpture.

Minutes from two prior meetings were approved (Motion to approve by Commissioner Boller and seconded by Commissioner Greer. )

**Cultural Events** – Commissioner Goldberg suggested rock or British band instead of Jazz since Mandel is Jazzy. Everyone agreed. Commissioner Goldberg offered to notify Jana Barbier by email.

**Press** – Commissioner Trela passed around a copy of Lynn Selich’s website article on the Lenahan art.

**Budget** – Commissioner Lasky noted that he reviewed the budget but had to meet with Jana to go over it because some things weren’t adding up and he needed clarification.

**Art in Public Spaces** - Commissioner Smith reported on action to not accept Sky Divers public sculpture from The Irvine Company. A letter that had been constructed explaining the decision was passed around. Commissioner Smith elaborated – “One of our policies (I-11) requires the city accepts art that is satisfactory condition. The cost of \$150,000 needed for restoration is expensive.” He expressed concern regarding the liability of accepting artwork that requires indefinite storage. “As gracious as it was of The Irvine Company to offer this artwork, the recommendation is to decline the offer.”

Commissioner Trela made a motion to rescind our prior vote to accept this artwork and to refuse the artwork. Commissioner Lasky seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**Fine Arts Committee** – Commissioner Boller noted that Lenahan artwork had been installed. She thanked everyone for their help on this project. Commissioner Grant commented that the exhibit was well received. Commissioner Boller noted that it will hang at the Oasis until April 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Boller discussed the art show to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. She and Commissioner Greer have met with Signature Rentals, publicity has begun with the electronic posting on the City Website. Work assignments have been made to commissioners and Arts Foundation members. Food still needs to be ordered from Bristol Farms.

Commissioner Trela asked for the last date of entry. Commissioner Boller said there was not an exact date but usually a week or two before the event.

**Museums** - Commissioner Goldberg said she would like to see the proceeds from the museum trips refunded back into the CAC’s budget. Cynthia Cowell said it’s in the works but not yet resolved. Commissioner Grant said the Autry Museum tour was wonderful and well received.

**NBAF** – Commissioner Greer noted that Art in Park is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>. The next Foundation meeting is at Scape Gallery on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and affords an opportunity to bring prospective members. The gallery will feature the Brad Miller exhibit.

**Art in Public Spaces** – Commissioner Smith passed around a photo/rendering of the Bridge Over Tree. He explained that OCMA would like this to be the first sculpture on display at the new City Hall. It would be on display for 1 ½ years and then possibly considered for permanent acquisition. The City attorney indicated that this artwork did not meet ADA requirements and rejected this artwork. OCMA Director Dennis Szacas and Marie Marston of the Parks Commission felt strongly that this artwork should be installed. Commissioner Smith noted that there is a precedent for artwork and exhibits at LACMA that does not meet ADA compliance and noted that there is money available from the NBAF for this artwork. Commissioner Boller inquired about the specific intended location of this artwork. Commissioner Smith answered that the exact placement on the new City Hall grounds has yet to be determined but there could be ample space and opportunity for artwork of this size.

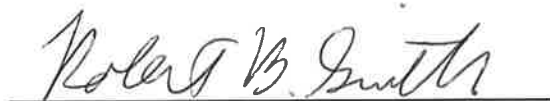
Commissioner Goldberg stated that she loves sculpture. “It’s organic and environmental.”

Mayor Gardner would be willing to consult with the City Attorney to help make headway for acceptance.

Commissioner Grant said that this is a destination piece by a very well known artist and would be a draw.

**Publicity** - Commissioner Trela obtained the press release for the art exhibit from Jana and has been circulating it among the press for calendaring.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Chair Signature for Approval of Minutes