

Comments on May 9, 2013 Arts Commission Agenda Items

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4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2013

The draft minutes provided with the agenda packet, which seem more like notes than finished minutes, appear to need fairly extensive additional work prior to approval. In the following comments, selected passages from the draft minutes are shown in *italics* with suggested changes in **strikeout underline** format. There are many others that could be improved.

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Under **3) Public Comments**: “Mr. Mosher stated the importance of ***The observing the Brown Act in connection with decisions regarding public art.*** He commented on the Bunny sculptures and inquired as to the acquisition of them. ***He also expressed concern about the Council’s adoption of Policy I-13 without seeking any formal recommendation from the Commission.***”

Under **5.B. Items for Review and Possible Action**, I am completely baffled by the entries:

“1. Recommendation to City Council on I 13- all matters policy approved

2. Report on the sculpture agreement with OCMA and city. The Uprooted sculpture will be installed on a location to be decided before May 4th.”

- Neither of these items was listed “for Review and Possible Action” on the agenda posted on the internet and distributed at the April 11 meeting
- The intended meaning of entry “1” is extremely obscure to me. As indicated in the previous comment, I have no recollection of the Commission ever making any recommendation or taking any action regarding City Council Policy I-13.
- Entry “2” sounds like notes on a subcommittee report. Are both of these entries what is being referred to in Item C.1 at the top of page 2?

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“2. Fine Arts Ad Hoc Subcommittee – ~~The Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale was~~

- a. **The Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale was discussed Discussed** by Secretary Boller. Arts Commissioners and Arts Foundation assignments have been sent out for April 13. **Secretary** Boller also noted **the that Council Member** Michael Henn would be giving out the awards during the event.”*

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"6. *Publicity Ad Hoc Committee* –Commissioner Trela reported on the Exhibition newspaper coverage. He also added he would take photos of ~~at~~ the exhibit again this year."

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"9. *Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee for Visual & Public Art Installations* – Commissioner Logan noted that the subcommittee had been working on Central Library and City Hall Gallery Exhibition Application, the only Art related Application Form being used by the City, Donation of Art to City of Newport Beach I-11, **Art in Public Places. "Artist's exhibition Opportunities and application form and the" a "mission statement"** [The part highlighted in bold appears to need some revision. I am unable to decipher what meaning was intended]

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"6) City Arts Commission Announcements or Matters Which Members Would Like Placed on a Future Agenda for Discussion, Action or Report (Non-Discussion Item) – **None**" (??)

"7) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items – **None**" (??)

- I seem to recall using this opportunity to ask if any of the Commissioners could clarify the rumors that the Orange County Museum of Art might be planning to leave their Newport Center location, and Chair Smith kindly replying that OCMA is considering a move to a vacant parcel at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, should funding for that be found.

5)B.1. Accept Revisions for Form for Review and Consideration of Art

1. I would like to suggest the following change to the title of this form to clarify what I assume is its intended purpose:

"Form for Review and Consideration of Art for Acquisition/Display by City"

2. I think the likelihood of proper use of the "**Application for: (circle any that apply)**" section would be greatly increased if a more expansive explanation of the intended meaning of the available choices was provided in a checklist something like the following saying the art is being offered for (I am guessing what meanings are intended by the draft list):

- Loan to City
- Donation to City
- Purchase by City
- Seeking commission to create work
- Exhibition by City (not for sale)
- Exhibit for sale
- Other

I am particularly uncertain what the intended meaning of the "Commission" option is; and I'm not sure where the "Rent to City" option would fall in the draft list.