City of Newport Beach

**Newport Beach City Arts Commission**

**Special Meeting**

**Monday, May 17, 2010 – 10:00am**

**Central Library Conference Room**

**Convened at 10:00am**

Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant, Chair; Robert Smith, Vice Chair; Rita Goldberg, Secretary; Christopher Trela; Wendy Brooks

Commissioners Absent: Carole Boller, Gil Lasky

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Cultural Arts Coordinator

**Approval of minutes:** None

**Continued Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Confirm or Deny Statement of Support to City Council from the City Arts Commission for the creation of a Sculpture Park at the Newport Beach City Hall park site on Avocado Avenue.

Commissioner Grant reminded the commissioners that Mayor Curry had suggested that the Arts Commission consider writing a letter of support for the OCMA/City of Newport Beach Sculpture Park project. Commissioner Smith discussed the many positive reasons for supporting the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newport Beach and OCMA, noting the terms of the memorandum and also that the Museum provided a high benchmark for public art. Discussion ensued as to potential risks or a downsides and Commissioner Goldberg asked how funds would be raised for this project.

**It was MSP (Goldberg/Brooks)** to confirm composing a Statement of Support to City Council from the City Arts Commission for the support of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newport Beach and the Orange County Museum of Art for the creation of a Sculpture Park at the Newport Beach City Hall park site on Avocado Ave.

Commissioners Goldberg, Grant, Smith, Brooks, and Trela all voted in favor of a Statement of Support.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Commissioner Announcements:**

Commissioner Trela noted that he had contacted Newport Beach Public Library Foundation Director, Tracy Keys to ask if she needed assistance in marketing the upcoming public art lecture hosted by the Foundation and the Orange County Museum of Art.

**It was MSP (Brooks/Grant) to adjourn the meeting.**

**Adjournment: 10:30a.m.**