

## City of Newport Beach

**Newport Beach City Arts Commission  
Thursday, August 12, 2010 – 5:00pm  
Central Library Conference Room**

**Convened at 5:00pm**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant, Chair; Robert Smith, V. Chair; Carole Boller, Gil Lasky, Wendy Brooks, Chris Trela, and Rita Goldberg, Secretary

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Cultural Arts Coordinator; Melissa Kelly, Librarian III/Support Services Coordinator

Public Present: Barry Jorgensen, KOCI Radio; Virginia Hayer, NBAF; Sarah Wilkinson

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Smith mentioned that he had attended the Laguna art affair and had brought a bowl he'd purchased there to share with the Arts Commissioners. The bowl was made especially 'with a glitch'.

Virginia Hayer noted that she had come to the meeting as a representative of the NB Arts Foundation. Sarah Wilkinson reminded the Arts Commission that she had a company called "Sustainable Artworks" and wanted to be involved in public art for the new City Hall and Park. Melissa Kelly was introduced.

Barry Jorgensen of KOCI Radio came to the meeting to discuss his organization's eligibility for a Cultural Arts Grant. The radio signal for the station needs to be strengthened and the station, which is in Newport Beach, strongly supports the arts.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was MSP (Smith/Lasky) to approve the July 15, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes.

**Continued Business:**

**Staff Report /Correspondence** - Reviewed and filed. Commissioner Grant commented that she really liked having the Agenda and Minutes emailed to her.

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

**Committee Updates:**

*Fine Arts Committee* – Commissioner Boller noted that the procedures were in place for artists to apply for art shows. Staff explained the forms available on the City's website,

which now included a place for artists to apply to show 3-D work in the display cases. Commissioner Grant had several ideas for displays in the library's new cases.

*Performing Arts Committee* – Commissioner Goldberg stated that she was very pleased with both The Hutchins Consort and the U.K. Beat performances. She was going to investigate the Chance Theater's presenting a medley or rock opera next year. Chris Trela offered to assist.

*Arts Foundation Liaison Committee* – Virginia Hayer discussed that the Foundation had many new members and that there was a general consensus that the group would hold another fundraiser, perhaps with the Farmers Market in Irvine. Virginia noted that the Foundation would be able to sponsor \$20,000 in 2010-11. She noted that there were 4 levels of sponsorship starting at \$50. Virginia had always worked with the Chamber of Commerce and planned to send out letters to this group at the end of September.

*Budget Committee* – Melissa Kelly went over the Arts Commission budget, explaining that the group would continue to receive \$40,000 for Cultural Arts Grants, \$15,000 for Special Department Supplies and \$8,000 for public performances, totaling \$63,000. However, Melissa explained that if the Arts Commission opted to take some of the Cultural Arts Grant funds this year for public performances, the amount would be listed as a new line item in the budget.

*Art in Public Places Committee* – Commissioner Smith stated that the prior evening he had attended a meeting with the Civic Center and Park architects, as well as members of the Arts Commission, and Board of Library Trustees. The Arts Commission had requested "hanging rails" for additional art displays inside the Civic Center. Commissioner Smith had discussed a reception at OCMA with Dennis Szakacs and Mayor Curry.

*Cultural Arts Grant Committee* – Commissioner Brooks stated that there was nothing new to report. Staff explained the deadline for this year's Cultural Arts Grants (Wednesday, September 1 by 4:00pm) and reminded the commissioners that the September 9 meeting would be quite lengthy with the Cultural Arts Grants review.

### **New Business:**

Listing to the Newport Beach Register of Historic Properties: Rawlins Solar House, 804 S. Bay Front item was tabled until the September 9, 2010 meeting.

The Newport Beach Sister City, Ensenada, Music Ensemble was discussed – Commissioner Grant asked Commissioner Goldberg to contact Connie Skibba of the Newport Beach Sister City Association to get some additional information on possibly asking the ensemble to perform at next summer's Concerts in the Parks.

New Committee Assignments were discussed and the commissioners agreed to keep the assignments the same as last year, except Commissioner Brooks asked to be put on the Performing Arts Committee. Commissioner Grant suggested staying on the existing committee until October.

Commissioner Grant passed around last year's Arts Commission's goals and asked commissioners to review and respond.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Commissioner Announcements:** Commissioner Boller invited the Arts Commissioners to attend concerts, wine and chocolate get-togethers at the Laguna Arts Festival.

**Adjournment:** 6:32p.m.