

City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission March 13, 2008– 5:00pm Central Library Friends Room

CONVENED AT 5:03pm

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Commissioners Present: Carol Starcevic, Secretary
Wendy Brooks
Arlene Cartozian
Kirwan Rockefeller, Chair
Jerry Allison
Robyn Grant, Vice Chair

Commissioners Absent: Gil Lasky

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Staff Liaison, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: Miriam and Arthur Baker

Public Comments: Arts Commissioners and City Staff introduced themselves to Miriam and Arthur Baker. Miriam, a Balboa Island resident noted that she had been sculpting for 15 yrs. She had created sculpture for many individuals, and had brought a bust of Aaron Spelling and a small bronze maquette of an older couple sitting on a bench, which she shared with the commission. Miriam asked the Arts Commission to consider her work if additional public art programs are coordinated. Chair Kirwan Rockefeller gave a brief rundown on current public art projects and suggested several ways to bring public art to the attention of Balboa Island residents.

Approval of Minutes:

It was MSP (Starcevic/Cartozian) to approve the February 21, 2008 minutes with one change (submitted by Wendy Brooks) Page 2, under Civic Auditorium Facility Committee, Sentence 3: Brooks asked that Councilman Steve Rosansky's name replace "Council members."

New Business:

Rockefeller thanked everyone for their participation in the very successful Orange County Artist Juried Exhibition, with special thanks to the Newport Beach Arts Foundation, Madison Grant, Carole Boller, Ronni Lasky, Eddie Flores and Katherine Mielke.

Continued Business:

Staff Report /Correspondence - Reviewed and filed. Staff updated the commissioners on several new items, including a thank-you letter from Jane Shehane, who had participated in the OC Artist Juried Exhibition; a citizen call regarding the purchase of a collection of paintings by Vincent Farrell; the Cultural Arts Grant application deadline on Friday, May 30 at 4:00pm, and Imagination Celebration on May 17 from 12:00-4:00pm.

Committee Updates:

Performing Arts Committee –

Commissioner Starcevic noted that there were no new items to be discussed at this meeting.

Fine Arts Committee –

Commissioners discussed the revenue that had been generated at the recent OC Artist Juried Exhibition. Additional discussion items included a question on the number of pieces that were allowed in the show. Commissioner Cartozian discussed the award of “Artist Laureate” for 2008, and noted that the recipient, Marilou Hogeboom, would be invited to the April 10 meeting for a presentation of a certificate. She suggested a motion on the “Artist Laureate” award:

It was MSP (Cartozian/Starcevic) to approve that future arts commissioners select and present an “Artist Laureate” award when applicable to honor a person in the community that participates in and consistently attends the annual Orange County Artist Juried Exhibitions.

Commissioners discussed the excellent 3-dimensional work in the OC Juried Exhibition and suggested keeping the exhibition at central library next year, pushing it one month later, into early April.

Cartozian stated that Arts Commissioners would enjoy the new show at the library by Ingibjorg Hauksdottir. Additionally, she gave an update on the Sage Hill School student in-service program with the traveling mural, noting that she had suggested the students create a model.

Art in Public Places Committee -

Rockefeller noted in commissioner Lasky’s absence that the Marine 1/1 Memorial project was moving forward well.

Commissioners and staff discussed the plans for the upcoming (Monday, March 17) McFadden Square Centennial groundbreaking ceremony planned by the Centennial committee including - parking availability, a bagpiper that was asked to perform, photo opportunities, and the general spirit for the day.

Civic Auditorium Facility Committee -

Commissioner Brooks gave a brief summary of a conversation she had had with Councilman Steve Rosansky regarding a civic auditorium at City Hall. Discussion ensued and Brooks noted that he had suggested talking to the Conference and Visitors Bureau in Newport Beach.

Commissioner Allison raised several questions regarding a civic auditorium being part of a new city hall. Further discussion ensued as to the specifications outlined in the "Arts and Cultural Center/Civic Auditorium" document presented to the Arts Commission by Commissioner Brooks. Allison noted that the Arts Commission was thankful for the programming that they were able to accomplish currently. Commissioners agreed to put further discussions regarding a civic auditorium on hold at this time.

Arts Foundation Liaison Committee -

Marie Marston, President of the Newport Beach Arts Foundation spoke during this segment of the meeting and updated the commissioners on the Bonham and Butterfields event that Sunday, March 15 at Oasis Senior Center as well as the Art in the Park event that was planned for Saturday, June 21.

Commissioner Announcements –

Rockefeller noted that he would be out of town at the April meeting and would ask Vice Chair, Robyn Grant to chair the meeting.

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

Adjournment: 6:10p.m.