

City of Newport Beach

Newport Beach City Arts Commission February 21, 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
Gil Lasky

Commissioners Absent: Robyn Grant, Gerald Allison

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

Public Present: Carole Boller, Marie Marston

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes:

It was MSP (Starcevic/Cartozian) to approve the January 10, 2008 minutes with changes: Page 2, strike the line at the bottom of the page: "Commissioner Brooks stated that a site for City Hall would be selected at the election on February 5 and that she would report on this at the next Arts Commission meeting". This sentence was repeated at the top of page 3. Also, Commissioner Cartozian noted that Robyn Grant was the Chair of the Fine Arts Committee.

New Business:

Continued Business:

Staff Report /Correspondence - Reviewed and filed.

Committee Updates:

Performing Arts Committee –

Commissioner Lasky updated the committee on plans for the summer presentations. He noted that the Performing Arts subcommittee had selected one prior and one new band for the Concerts in the Parks series: Upstream and the Joel Penner Sextet. Commissioner Starcevic asked staff if she had met with Jerold Kappel of Opera Pacific to review the site yet; and staff noted that she would set up the meeting some time after March 17. Staff updated the committee on confirmations so far with musicians for 2008.

Fine Arts Committee –

Commissioner Cartozian reviewed the plans for the upcoming Orange County Artist Juried Exhibition, planned all day for March 1, 2008. Discussion ensued regarding food that would be donated for the event. Cartozian passed around letters that could be used by Arts Commissioners to request refreshments for the event from vendors. Cartozian updated the commission on rentals that had been ordered as well. Starcevic noted that she would not be able to attend the event after 1:30pm on March 1.

Art in Public Places Committee -

Rockefeller asked Commissioner Lasky to update the commission on the Marine 1/1 Memorial. Lasky noted that the funding was very successful, and that the sculpture was currently at the foundry. The 1/1 Memorial Committee planned to install the sculpture on Memorial Day of 2008. Lasky passed around a flyer containing images of the Benjamin Victor sculpture from several different angles.

Arts Commission Chair, Kirwan Rockefeller updated the committee on the progress of the McFadden Square Centennial Legacy Project, noting that the next “clay model” stage of the sculpture would be on the City Council agenda on February 23. Staff noted that the “historical timeline” element of the project would be on the 2/23 agenda as well. The groundbreaking for the project had been changed to 12:00pm on March 17, 2008 at the McFadden site.

Civic Auditorium Facility Committee -

Commissioner Brooks distributed a document titled “City of Newport Beach Arts and Cultural Center/Civic Auditorium” and asked that the Arts Commissioners review the document. Brooks discussed approaching City Council members with this idea. Discussion ensued on this subject and Rockefeller asked Brooks and Commissioner Lasky to set up an appointment with Councilman Steve Rosansky to discuss and report back to the Arts Commission.

Arts Foundation Liaison Committee -

Marie Marston, President of the Newport Beach Arts Foundation attended the meeting and was asked to report on events planned by the group. Marston noted that an antiques appraisal event was planned for March 15 with Bonham and Butterfields, and that there would be an Asian focus this year. Marston asked staff to distribute flyers to Newport Beach libraries. Marston also reported that the group would be holding an “Art in the Park” event again this year on June 21. She also noted that up to six people would be helping with the Orange County Artist Juried Exhibition on March 1.

Commissioner Announcements –

Commissioner Brooks distributed a “City Image/Slogan Contest” idea she had been focusing on and asked the Arts Commission to consider participating/setting up this kind of program to be coordinated with the McFadden Square project.

It was MSP (Lasky/Rockefeller) to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment: 6:00p.m.