City of Newport Beach

**Newport Beach City Arts Commission**

**Thursday, May 13, 2010 – 5:00pm**

**Central Library Conference Room**

**Convened at 5:05pm**

# **Call To Order and Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Robyn Grant, Chair

Gilbert Lasky

Rita Goldberg, Secretary

Christopher Trela

Wendy Brooks

Commissioners Absent: Carole Boller, Robert Smith, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Jana Barbier, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Public Present: None

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** It was MSP (Brooks/Goldberg) to approve the April 5, 2010 Minutes.

**Continued Business**:

**Staff Report -** Reviewed and filed.

**Correspondence/Press –** Reviewed and filed. Staff provided a “Lights Up” invitation for Arts Commissioners to attend an arts celebration at the newly renovated Newport Harbor High School; and also, an invitation to a Prada store opening.

**Committee Updates**:

*Fine Arts Committee* – Commissioner Brooks gave a follow-up report on the Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale. Discussion ensued regarding the length of time that the exhibit was opened to the public, as well as a recommendation to list the size of acceptable artwork on the entry form in a more easily understood manner. Commissioner Brooks noted that her report would be available when planning begins for this event next year.

*Performing Arts Committee* – Commissioner Goldberg stated that the dates and locations for this summer’s performances were listed on the calendar. She noted that she’d seen The Hutchins Consort again and discussed the type of music they would be presenting on July 25 at Grant Howald Park. It was decided to provide family-friendly performances toward the conclusion of the program. Discussion ensued regarding sun protection for the musicians and their violins with a canopy at the performance. Staff was asked to find out the cost of a canopy/roof for this event.

*Arts Foundation Liaison Committee* – Commissioner Grant had attended a recent Foundation meeting/potluck and noted that some great new members were volunteering with this organization. Commissioners discussed the Foundation’s participation in the Balboa Island Art Walk which was the coming Sunday from 9-5. Commissioners asked if the Foundation released funds raised annually to the City of Newport Beach or, within each fiscal year. Discussion ensued regarding the costs of events and it was decided to have the Arts Foundation Liaison Committee follow up on these reporting requirements.

*Budget Committee* – Staff noted that the Library Services Department was finalizing a form that would list each cost for an event including staging, sound, performance costs, and marketing as well as additional staff assistance. Commissioners discussed asking the Arts Foundation to contribute to the extra costs of a canopy or roof on the stage for The Hutchins Consort.

*Art in Public Places Committee* – Commissioner Trela noted that he had attended quite a few meetings regarding a potential Sculpture Park collaboration between the Orange County Museum of Art and the City of Newport Beach. He noted that the two organizations had made the first round on the National Endowment for the Arts “Mayors Institute on City Design” grant that had been applied for together. He had been discussing many of these issues with Kirsten Schmidt at the OCMA.

Commissioner Grant stated that she had been asked by Mayor Curry to consider writing a letter on behalf of the Arts Commission to relate support for the OCMA/City of Newport Beach Sculpture Park project. Grant noted that the museum was currently reviewing a Memorandum of Understanding that had been composed for this project; and also reviewed several details relating to the scope of the MOU. Commissioner Grant noted how fortunate the City would be to have the expertise of the Orange County Museum of Art in developing a sculpture park.

It was (MSP Grant/Goldberg) to hold a specially noticed meeting on Monday, May 17 from 10:00-10:30 in the Central Library conference room to finalize a statement of support for the MOU between the Orange County Museum of Art and the City of Newport Beach.

*Cultural Arts Grant Committee –* Staff mentioned that several prior grant recipient organizations had called regarding funding for 2010/11; and, that staff reported that the Arts Commission had decided to wait until the new fiscal year begins on July 1 to discuss whether Cultural Arts Grant funds would be affected or available in the 2010/11 grant cycle. Commissioner Grant also noted that she had attended a performance by Southland Opera at Mariners Elementary School and that the students were very much engaged and enjoying the performances. Commissioner Brooks announced that she would be attending a Baroque Music Festival performance in June.

**New Business:**

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Commissioner Announcements:** Commissioner Brooks attended an open house event at the Orange County Museum of Art. She noted that Mayor Keith Curry attended as well and that all City Council persons were invited. Brooks noted that during the open house, guests were given a docent led tour of the museum.

Commissioner Goldberg announced the great success of a recent VIP reception for “The Art Lover’s Cookbook”

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

**Adjournment: 6:43p.m.**