

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE  
Meeting Date: February 12, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:50 pm by Frank**

Present: Lisa Grant, Monica Morita, Kathleen Eric, Irene Engard, Frank Gutierrez and Debora Wondercheck

Absent: Tony Manrique

Staff Present: Justin Martin and Travis Karlen

Council Member: Katrina Foley (absent)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Irene made a motion to approve Jan 8, 2015 minutes as corrected and updated, seconded by Kathleen; passed unanimously stet.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Kaufman of Local Arts Magazine introduced himself and his quarterly publication featuring local artists and a calendar of local art and events. He provided copies to committee members, and is interested in learning about the committee and its activities.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Art in Public Places – Utility Box Art**

Justin, Irene, Kathleen and Frank met with Raja and other city traffic staff to discuss the program implementation in detail and to provide a mock-up of the proposed wrap for the pilot run.

Frank made a motion to select the southwest corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Placentia as the pilot location, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathleen. Passed unanimously.

Monica made a motion for local Artist Al McCoy to be selected as the artist to create the 1st artwork wrap, seconded by Irene. Passed unanimously.

Subcommittee plans to provide another location to vote by the next meeting. Will also provide a timeline for the project, a schedule for the installation and submit invoices for the wrap.

- B. Rocks and Teen Center Program  
Debora reported there are 14 students from TeWinkle Middle School participating in the program. They are producing two works from Edgar Allen Poe and the Twilight Zone. The students will participate in areas such as staging and production as well as acting. The performance is slated for May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Boswell Hall at TeWinkle Middle School.
- C. Youth Art Gallery  
February – Costa Mesa Recreation – Teen Center  
March – Human Options Step 2  
April – Estancia High School
- D. Signature Art Event  
Subcommittee of Monica, Lisa, and Tony will meet with Justin prior to the next meeting and report possible dates, names, and locations.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Newport Blvd Entry Monument Sign  
Marjaneh Afkhami of Asakura Robinson Co. presented 4 design concepts for the proposed Newport Blvd city entry sign at the NW corner of Industrial Way and Newport Blvd. Parks and Recreation Commission requested input from the CAC. Committee provided they would like to see the motto “City of the Arts” included in the design.
- B. NMUSD Arts Commission  
Travis, Justin, And Debora attended the Winter Meeting at The Coastline Community Arts Gallery on Monrovia St.
- C. Senior Center Art Display  
Justin reported there is a lot of space for displays. A subcommittee consisting of Kathleen and Irene was formed and plans to tour the facility with Justin and will report back at the next meeting
- D. Callout for new CAC members  
Justin notified the committee that the CAC has the capacity for 9 members and 2 alternates. Currently, there are 7 CAC members and no alternates. There will be a notice by the city for a call out the last week of February/ first week of March. Everyone other than Irene and Tony needs to apply to continue on the committee. The application is on the city website. Applicants must be a Costa Mesa resident or an expert in an art field if not a Costa Mesa resident.

## **6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Debra announced Little Shop of Horrors will be presented in the Freed Theater at Crystal Cathedral from Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lisa communicated an upcoming exhibit named Chaos Theory at the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art (OCCCA) featured from February 7th-21st. Lisa is one of the featured artists with her own work titled “Cluster Hex”.

## **7. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Travis mentioned the Senior Center open house for 3/12 and Yvette will be the Senior Center’s Administrator on 3/9. The Senior Center Commission meeting is on 3/10.

Special Events will be moved under Parks and Community Services within the City.

Justin mentioned the fiscal budget for the year is end of June. There is \$6000 allocated to the Art in Public Places program. What is not used will need to be re-allocated in the new fiscal year.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by Frank at 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, at 6:45 p.m. in 1A City Hall