

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

Minutes for Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:40 p.m. by Dennis Crane (Chair)
Present: Dennis Crane, Kathleen Eric, Monet Quick, Chris Bunyan, Aida, Louisa Arnold, Irene Engard, Beverley Walker
Absent: Peter Becker, Anthony Manrique, Ryan Baron, Nancy Clark, Diane Doyle, Frank Guitierrez, Caryn Kallal
Staff Present: Jana Ransom; Absent Lisa McPherson
Council Members Present: Mayor Eric Bever

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion for approval of October 9 minutes by Irene, second by Louisa. Unanimously approved.

3. **AGENDA ADDITIONS**
None

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Artist Mark Soden spoke on behalf of himself and his wife Francine and made a request to demonstrate a proposal for Headphone Placard Festival. This festival occurs around the world generally at venues where there is a sound restriction and live performances are video streamed and listened to on headphones. Although sound would not essentially be an issue in Costa Mesa, the experience itself is unique. The Committee agreed that Mark could make his proposal at the next meeting in December. Mayor Bever suggested for Mark to contact Marc Chamberlain at BC Space.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Artist Showcase XI, March 14 from 6-10pm (Mayor's Choice Award Rusty Sherril's)
 1. Mayor's Choice Award - Rusty Sherril's Art has been hung in the Mayor's office by Joe Guitierrez and can be viewed during office hours

 2. Venue - the venue for Artist Showcase XI was discussed. It was decided that a hotel venue would not be ideal because these venues are usually booked months in advance and food and alcohol would be an issue. The Artery at the Lab is a possibility although Monet would prefer for the show to run for more than one day. The Crew Salon and the Lounge were also mentioned as possible options. RVCA is moving, but Chris is going to look into the possibility of Hurley or Volcom as a venue option.

 3. Artist Showcase X - Aida had questions about the Artist Showcase X held on October 11. She felt that the art shown by the galleries could be better presented and more information provided. Aida also commented on the inadequate lighting at the show. Dennis responded that it was better than the previous time at the

same venue. Aida asked if there was ever a theme to the Showcase or any specific direction as far as subject matter. Dennis responded that the idea is to showcase indigenous artists from the area, to use local venues and encourage a sense of community. Aida also mentioned that she did not think that the Santa Ana Art Institute was aware of the event and she suggested that the Culinary Dept be given an opportunity to provide the food. Mayor Bever mentioned that he thought the music was too loud at the last Showcase and said this made it difficult for people to discuss the art. He suggested a lower volume of sound.

B. Artists Website Directory

1. Update - The City of Costa Mesa site is not yet up and Mayor Bever mentioned that the project may even need to be tabled due to budget issues. He also suggested that a calendar be linked to the site once it goes up to show events in the area.

C. Sponsorship levels

1. Update – Jana is still making some inquiries.

2. Logo Contest- Artist Derek Bourgie won the contest and has submitted 3 color options and one black and white for approval. Lisa will obtain the final draft. The 14 artists who submitted designs for this competition were all sent "Thank You" letters signed by Dennis. Jana suggested that graphics be added to include mission statement and perhaps member names

D. TeWinkle Sculpture

1. Funding grants - Monica is still checking with the Community Foundation about their involvement in applying for a grant. Individuals are not eligible and the application needs to be made through a Foundation in order to use their 5013C. Once we have been approved, the subcommittee will present a proposal to the Foundation.

E. Mesa Water Art Project

1. Update - Dennis requested a pre meeting next month with Chris, Monica and Irene to put the proposal together. The City of Costa Mesa will be the go between Artist and Mesa Water to avoid any conflict of interest. It was discussed that minimum weight and size standards would need to be included as well as with any special considerations due to the fact that the art would be displayed in a public place. It was agreed that this should also be discussed with the City attorney. Jana will give an update at the December meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. Nomination of the new Chairperson – Motion to continue to have Dennis as the Chairperson by Irene, seconded by Louisa. Unanimously approved.

2. New Meeting Time- Motion to change the meeting time to 6:45 pm by Bev, seconded by Louisa. Unanimously approved.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Chris congratulated Mayor Bever on his re-election

2. Events at the Lab for 11/15 Artist Coast College Exhibit; 11/19 Book Signing 11/22 Music Showcase by Dolphin City & The Sweet Sweet Things and 11/29 Midnight Madness Sale more details available on the LAB's website

3. eVocal Art Showcase on 11/15 by Nzuzi from Angola. This is a Mixed Media Exhibit and includes a music installation.

4. Invites to Irene's Open House on 11/22 were distributed at the meeting. She also mentioned an Art Shows that she will be putting together at the Whittier Law School Library

8. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

1. Mayor Bever changed his email address due to excessive spam

2. The City sponsored Wall Mural designed and painted by artist Peggy Gardner was assisted by the children from Mika CDC and Nancy Clark & Associates. The dedication ceremony will be on 11/15 at 11am. Newport Rib is sponsoring a percentage of food sales to various organizations including the Mika CDC.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Dennis at 7:51 p.m.

