



## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 26, 2009  
City Council Chambers  
5:30 p.m.

### Recap of Minutes

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Nancy Beverage, Joan Corman, Mary Ferguson, Pat Kollenda, Terry Smith and Mike Tauber. **ABSENT:** Suzi Chauvel **STAFF:** Siân Poeschl

- 1) Pat Kollenda called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes were approved as presented.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements** – Pat Kollenda noted the recent article in the Los Angeles Times pertaining to public opinion regarding an art in public places installation in Pasadena. Ms. Kollenda notes the upcoming No Square Theatre performance in February 2009.
- 4) **Public Communications** – None.
- 5) Items for discussion and action:
  - A. Artist Open Studios** – A proposal was presented to initiate a pilot program on the first Friday of every month. The program would commence on a trial bases with open studios on Laguna Canyon Road. The proposal further adds opportunities for visitors to see artists working in their studios. Olivia Batchelder, an artist in the canyon and Betty Haight representing Southern California Artist Association both supported the proposal. Joan Corman did not support the program and felt it discriminated against those artists who did not have a studio in the canyon and that visiting an artist in their home was far more unique. Ms. Corman felt that there were adequate events for the canyon artists. Suzi Chauvel supported Ms. Corman's comments. Terry Smith and Nancy Beverage supported the proposal as presented on a trial basis. Mike Tauber supported the proposal and that it offered a variety of art experiences for visitors and hoped the trial would be successful and could be expanded. Following lengthy discussion the majority consensus was to form a committee and report back with details on a canyon open artist studio event on the first Friday of every month. Ms. Corman and Ms Chauvel did not support the proposal. The committee of Mary Ferguson and Susi Chauvel will report back on January 26, 2009.
  - B. Potential Mural Locations** – Mike Tauber presented sites for potential mural installations. Following discussion the committee will report back on January 26, 2009.
  - C. Artist Designed Bench** – Staff noted a letter of intent of a donation of \$20,000 by Beverly Kaye for the creation and installation of an artist designed bench. Staff noted a possible location in Heisler Park that would be part of the final construction phase of the park remodel. A motion was made to recommend accepting the donation of \$20,000 by Beverly Kay for \$20,000 and pending funding for the Heisler Park remodel for an artist designed bench to be installed near Monument Point. M/S Ferguson/Smith. Yeas: Beverage, Chauvel, Corman, Ferguson, Kollenda, Smith, Tauber. Noes: None.
  - D. Mid Year Budget Adjustment** – Staff presented a memorandum adjusting the budget for the allocation of \$15,000 from the Business Improvement District Arts Special Programs Budget for the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Laguna Playhouse. The mid-year budget adjustment was approved as presented. M/S Corman/Smith. Yeas: Beverage, Chauvel, Corman, Ferguson, Kollenda, Smith, Tauber. Noes: None.
  - E Community Center Exhibitions** – Staff noted the obligation of a State grant of \$379,000 to the Community Center for funding allocated to provide community instruction and display of art. Staff recommended refurbishing four painted murals for exhibition at the center at a cost not to exceed \$2,300. M/S Tauber/Ferguson. Yeas: Beverage, Chauvel, Ferguson, Kollenda, Smith, Tauber. Noes: Corman.
  - F. Public Art Installation Process** – Staff presented a report regarding the processes of Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals for various public art projects. Marsh Scott, supported the change towards the RFQ process. The consensus of the Commission was to support the change and a committee consisting of Nancy Beverage, Terry Smith and Mary Ferguson was established to report at the next meeting.

**G. Joint Meeting with the City Council** – Following discussion the Commission identified four agenda items: 1) Changes to the public art process; 2) Artist Economic Incentives; 3) Cultural Arts Center and; 4) Improved Communication. Any handout materials will be reviewed on January 26, 2009.

**H. Music in the Park** – Pat Kollenda reviewed the 2009 schedule for Music in the Park at Bluebird Park. The schedule reflected the same number of concerts, duration and times as previous years. A motion was made to approve the 2009 Music in the Park schedule commencing July 19 and concluding August 30, 2009 with the use of amplified sound. M/S Ferguson/Tauber. Yeas: Beverage, Chauvel, Corman, Ferguson, Kollenda, Smith, Tauber. Noes: None.

- 6) **Commissioner Communications** – Joan Corman had attended a performance at the Laguna Playhouse. Suzi Chauvel reminded the Commission of the upcoming program “Friday Flicks at the Forum” commencing at 7 p.m. on January 16, 2009. Nancy Beverage noted the new calendar listing “Spark OC” by Arts Orange County. Mary Ferguson noted the upcoming Laguna Beach Music Festival.
- 7) **Staff Communications** – Staff updated the Commission on various projects and deadlines.
- 8) Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

cc: City Manager,  
Asst. City Manager  
City Clerk