

Arts Advisory Committee

Via Zoom Live

May 25, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

Members present: Marc Brutton, Kathy Grimm, Bonnie Grossman, Barbara Inbody, Karen Powell, Julie Maxey-Allison, Anne Mery, Jas Grewal, City Council Liaisons Dave Druker, Dwight Worden, City Staff: Beth Murray
Guest: Betty Wheeler, the Del Mar Foundation

Approval of the Minutes: the February 25, 2022, Minutes were approved.

Liaison Report: Dwight reported that future AAC meetings would be in person. The meetings will be held quarterly. Applicants to the vacant seats on the AAC will be appointed by the City Council June 6. A request was made by the AAC to move future 2022 meetings from September and November to July and October. Dave said the change in schedule would have to be approved by the City Council.

Compliance with the Brown Act: the report on the Civic Center Art Program that was emailed to committee members ahead of the meeting was in violation of the Brown Act. All were informed again that communications between members are restricted, allowed only between sub-committee members and in meetings open to the public.

Sub committee report on the Civic Center Art Program, Jas, Karen, Barbara. Jas reported the sub committee focused on a sculpture by David Arnold, kinetic art sculptures, 2 along the Ocean Terrace plus an additional six spinners, removal of the central planted tree in the Plaza to accommodate a piece of art, a glass case in which to display rotating art from local artists possibly three times a year.

Bonnie replied that there was a history with the David Arnold sculpture that had come before the committee years before but was not approved. Beth reminded the committee that it was declared by city staff and an insurance investigator to be dangerous in many ways including possibility of laceration, strangulation, blinding glare.

Marc suggested hiring a respected art consultant to help with selection of art from known, respected international artists that would "put Del Mar on the map" for visitors to come and view. Questions were raised about the budget to pay for such world class art. Marc said he would pay for it. Betty concurred stating that the Del Mar Foundation would also be a funding source for a consultant and offered the possibility of up to \$100,000 for significant art for the Civic Center, a prime location. Marc added that once a signature piece were installed in Del Mar, collectors would follow, possibly donate and/or chip in.

Dave suggested that the process be approved by the City Council with considerations about physical issues, ie weight, wind resistance, viability, and the like. Betty offered to work on a presentation to the City Council to shorten staff time. A sub committee of Betty, Marc, Bonnie, Dave and Dwight will work on the presentation to the City Council.

The sub committee the presented the initial report on Civic Center Art Program was dissolved.

Sub Committee report on the status of the Fall Photography Show: Anne, Kathy, Karen: Anne reported that the subcommittee of Anne, Karen and Kathy were not ready with a plan for

a show. The date for a photography show was moved to next spring. Julie offered to meet with Anne.

Temporary Art Feedback: Betty suggested the Del Mar Foundation take a local survey to determine which existing sculptures are the favorites and remind people that they are for sale.

Update on Local Art: Bonnie reported the San Diego has, with funds from developers, were putting art in many city parks. Anne reminded the committee that the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art has reopened after a major renovation.

Finance: the subject funding for the AAC from developers was brought up and will be discussed at a future meeting..

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.

The next meeting date to be determined by the City Council.