

The monthly meeting of the Arts Commission was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 in Community Room A located in City Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Commissioner David Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

#### Roll Call

#### Present

Commissioner Claudia De Leon, District 1  
Commissioner Martin Jaroszewicz, District 2  
Commissioner David Aguilar, District 3  
Commissioner Mari Morales, At Large  
Sabrina Barnes, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director  
Sandra Green-Hilliard, Senior Administrative Secretary  
Helen Lessick, Public Art Consultant

#### Absent

Commissioner Vicki Perryman-Banks, District 4

#### Public Comments

None

#### Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Aguilar made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Morales, Aguilar, Jaroszewicz and De Leon

Nays: None

#### Old Business

A presentation/workshop was given by Jeffery A. Lewis, Assistant City Attorney regarding the role of an Arts Commissioner as it relates to the California Brown Act. Commissioner Aguilar asked if a gathering for dinner with the Director and some of the Commissioners is a violation of the Brown Act. Mr. Lewis stated he would discourage him from having even an appearance of a meeting and explained if he wants to get together that's fine but if it is three (3) or more getting together, it is dangerous waters unless it is at a Council meeting and you are not talking about Art related issues. Commissioner Morales asked what if she changed her mind on

something that was previously voted on, can she discuss that with the Commissioners. Mr. Lewis stated no and informed the Commissioners if at any time they are uncertain about something they can call him. Commissioner Morales shared her appreciation for Mr. Lewis and his presentation.

Sabrina Barnes welcomed Commissioner De Leon and Commissioner Jaroszewicz to the Commission.

Helen Lessick provided a verbal report/status update regarding the following public art projects, programs and activities:

- Contracting for the Inglewood Growing Artists Project (I-GAP): Michael Massenburg has submitted his revised budget for his proposed mural project for the Atrium of the Library. The second poetry project is now proposing for it to be coordinated with the National \_\_\_ Month in April. The third project the Garden of Eden was not able to submit and sustain and clear proposal from the artist so we have moved onto the alternate the Duck Truck Residency Project with the local LEAP program to take place in spring of next year.
- Inglewood Culture Map Brochure Design: Bid for graphic artist was issued and Paula White has been contracted in the amount of \$1,800.00.
- Consolidation of Inglewood Genesis Mosaic by ConservArt co-owner Duane Chartier and mosaic lead artist June Edmonds: has been assembled and we were informed the mosaic is actually 3"x10' feet and should be installed by September 15<sup>th</sup> inside the Library on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor next to the elevator.
- Public Art Collection Assessment by Rosa Lowinger & Associates has completed phase one (1) of the assessment on the four major pieces in the civic center campus and will be back in September to begin testing. Commissioner Morales asked what is going to be done with the tiles that have fallen from the front fountain. Sabrina Barnes stated at this point the actual art work is being addressed, the tiles were added later so we will have to give thought to that at a later as maybe be a future project. Commissioner Morales stated it doesn't make sense to fix the column and not fix what is around it because it is the entry way to city hall. Ms. Barnes stated our intention is to take a compromise approach but right now we are only in the assessment phase and we already know from the primary inspection that we do not have close to enough money to do what we need to do there (we have \$25,000 for conservation and repair). Items will be prioritize and then shared with the Commission for consensus then we can further look on how to address the rest of the fountain. Ms. Lessick stated we also need to be careful on how art money is spent. According to the blue prints that I've been working on it is clear that the architect who designed the fountain as part of the original civic

center campus but the rest of the building it is not supposed to be blue it is supposed to be gray and it is our goal to take care of that suggesting maybe facilities can find additional money for it or we can find partners who can help us with this. Commissioner Morales asked for pictures to be shown at a later time so the Commission can see what she is referring to. Ms. Barnes did inform Morales that the new Commissioners have been given all the information and been brought up to speed on current/ongoing projects. Ms. Lessick stated Rosa Lowinger and Associates will complete the assessment and come to Commission with a list of priorities.

- MSG Co. Forum Public Art Plan Development: Ms. Barnes informed the Commission the full art project will be ready next week with a special meeting to be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Commission's approval then the next day it will go to the Planning Commission for their approval.

## New Business

None

## Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes stated in effort to familiarize you all with each other and for use as content for the city's website we are asking for the Commission to send a bio or resume of themselves due September 15<sup>th</sup> electronically to Sandra or herself.

The topic of a new chairman came to the attention of the Commission. Helen Lessick suggested each Commission try it out and chair a meeting once. Commissioner Morales suggested Commissioner Aguilar for the job while he suggested a rotation. Ms. Barnes asked Commissioner Aguilar to chair the next meeting and see then if any Commissioner would like to chair a meeting, a Co-Chair has to be selected as well.

Helen Lessick reminded the Commission of the panels being held from time to time which is part of their responsibility to oversee. One will be coming up for the Public Art Education RFP that is in Legal. Anne La Rose shared her experience on being a part of a panel. She also stated she is open and available to help the entire Commission. Commissioner Morales thanked Ms. La Rose for everything.

## Public Comments

MonaLisa Whitaker, Executive Director of Inglewood Cultural Arts introduced herself and welcomed the new Commissioners. She also mentioned the upcoming Inglewood Open Arts Studios scheduled for November 9 and 10.

## Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Jaroszewicz and De Leon gave brief introductions of themselves. Commissioners Aguilar and Morales welcomed the new Commissioners.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.