A special meeting of the Arts Commission was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2013 in Community Room A located in City Hall on the 1st floor. Commissioner David Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Vicki Perryman-Banks, District 4
Commissioner Mari Morales, At Large
Sabrina Barnes, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director Stephanie Maldonado, Administrative Aide
Helen Lessick, Public Art Consultant

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on August 21, 2013 was deferred until the regular scheduled September meeting.

Old Business

Sabrina Barnes welcomed the Commission and turned it over to Helen Lessick. Ms. Lessick reminded the Commission of the preliminary art plan the Forum presented to them in August and turned the presentation over to Barbara Goldstein from Barbara Goldstein and Associates. Ms. Goldstein went on to present the proposed Madison Square Garden Forum Public Art Plan. Commissioner Aguilar asked for Ms. Goldstein to describe how this project will increase the understanding and enjoyment of Public Art plan for the city. Ms. Goldstein stated we have put a lot of focus on the art around the perimeter of the site because it serves the community (i.e. sculptures). Commissioner Aguilar asked for examples/photos of the vertical sculptures. Ms. Goldstein stated the artist is going to be developing three proposals that will go before MSG for review and approval and it will then come to the Commission. Commissioner Aguilar asked will the art have labels. Ms. Goldstein stated yes. Commissioner Morales asked how the artists were chosen. Ms.

Goldstein stated studio visits were done locally to about 12 artists, their artwork was presented to MSG who selected the artists they thought would be most suitable, Michael Massenburg and Gale McCall. Michael Massenburg introduced himself. Commissioner Aguilar asked about security during non-events. Ms. Goldstein stated MSG will have security that will patrol the site and anti-graffiti coating will be placed on the art. Nick Spamenato stated we will have 24/7 security as well as full time maintenance. Commissioner Morales stated she recalled someone coming to the meeting and asking to use African Americans who have made a difference in the City of Inglewood as a part of the artwork and wanted to know was that incorporated. Ms. Goldstein stated she had never heard that as a goal or request/requirement however the art is going to have elements that relate to music and some of the artists names will be displayed are African Americans. Commissioner Aguilar asked if landscape will receive regular maintenance. Mr.Spamenato stated we will have weekly maintenance; MSG is about curb to curb appearance. Commissioner Jaroszewicz stated the budget is \$630,000 and the worksheet says \$746,500, can you explain the difference. Ms. Goldstein explained that MSG's obligation was \$630,000 but they are actually spending the higher amount. Commission Jaroszewicz asked if they can explain in more detail the worksheet where is says sculpture is \$67,500. Ms. Goldstein stated we took three different bids on the art and that is what we received from the manufacturers. Ms. Lessick also reiterated that this item will be back in December with specific costs and images of the work that was completed. Commissioner Jaroszewicz stated his concern is that we are allocating this money just for a few sculptures from only a couple artists. Ms. Goldstein explained the city is getting a huge bargain given the number of sculptures that are being provided. Commissioner Morales asked how many bids were received for the art. Ms. Goldstein stated three bids. Ms. Barnes directed the Commission to the staff report where MSG set their dollar amount but their evaluation came in lower and they have actually far exceeded what is required of them and are making up the difference out of their own pockets.

Commissioner Perryman-Banks made a motion to approve the Forum Public Art Plan and recommend to the Planning Commission approval of the Forum Public Art Plan, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar.

Ayes: Commissioners De Leon, Morales. Aguilar and Perryman-Banks

Nays: Commissioner Jaroszewicz

Sabrina Barnes stated this item will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, September 4 and she will be back to report how the Planning Commission acted.

Director's Report

Sabrina Barnes asked the Commissioners to fill out a bio sheet for the city's website.

Public Comments

Anne La Rose asked if the tags for the public art have been installed. Sabrina Barnes stated no.

Robin Wilson asked if there are two consultants for the art that is being done at the Forum. Ms. Barnes stated the Forum hired a Public Art Consulting Firm and she has an associate who she works with. Ms. Wilson asked if there is another consultant as well. Ms. Barnes stated another consultant was mentioned who serves as our staff.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Morales asked everyone to be patient with the Commission especially when it comes to huge projects like the Forum because they are going to ask a lot of questions. Commissioner Aguilar thanked everyone for coming out and stated the Commission likes the changes that are coming to town and are glad to be a part of it. Commissioner Jaroszewicz stated he'd like to see more artists get involved with the Forum project and also stated the information (on the spreadsheet) that was given to the Commissioners doesn't really tell us much and he needs more information.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.