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**Cultural Arts Commission**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, July 28, 2020**  
**3:00 P.M.**  
**Various Teleconference Locations**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

**Report on Posting of Agenda – July 24, 2020**

1. **Ceremonial/Presentations**
   
   None.

2. **Written and Oral Communications from the Public**

   A. Communications from the Public concerning matters which are not on the agenda but for which the Commission has subject matter jurisdiction. The Commission may not act on these matters at this meeting.
B. **Commission Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

1. Arts in Education
2. City Hall Public Art

3. **Consent Calendar**

A. **Previously Discussed Items**

None.

B. **New Items**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

   Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the February 25, 2020 Cultural Arts Commission Regular meeting.

   Staff contact: Administrative Assistant Saleaumua, 456-2489 ext. 349

4. **Old Business**

   None.

5. **New Business**

   A. **Poet Laureate Program**

   Recommended Action: 1) Review the Poet Laureate Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and 2) Review and approve the installation of a poetry stone honoring former Poet Laureate Ellen Reich.

6. **Staff Updates**

7. **Commissioner Reports, Comments and Inquiries**

**Future Agenda Items**

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**Items in Consent Calendar Section A** have already been considered by the Commission at a previous meeting where the public was invited to comment, after which a decision was made. These items are not subject to public discussion at this meeting because the vote taken at the previous meeting was final. Resolutions concerning decisions made at previous meetings are for the purpose of memorializing the decision to assure the accuracy of the findings, the prior vote, and any conditions imposed.

**Items in Consent Calendar Section B** have not been discussed previously by the Commission. If discussion is desired, an item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Commissioners may indicate a negative or abstaining vote on any individual item by so declaring prior to the vote on the motion to adopt the entire Consent Calendar. Items excluded from the Consent Calendar will be taken up by the Commission following the action on the Consent Calendar. The Commission first will take up the items for which public speaker requests have been submitted. Public speakers shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

**Old Business** items have appeared on previous agendas but have either been continued or tabled to this meeting with no final action having been taken. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

**Items in New Business** are items which are appearing for the first time for formal action. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Dated this 24th day of July 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Brittany Saleaumua

Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant
To: Chair Brady and Members of the Cultural Arts Commission

Prepared by: Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director

Approved by: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director

Date prepared: July 23, 2020 Meeting date: July 28, 2020

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the February 25, 2020 Cultural Arts Commission Regular meeting.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the February 25, 2020 Cultural Arts Commission Regular meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: February 25, 2020 Cultural Arts Commission Regular meeting minutes
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brady called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Veronica Brady; Vice Chair Lotte Cherin (arrived at 9:09 a.m.); Commissioners Kathy Eldon and Julia Holland; and Ex Officio Graeme Clifford

ABSENT: Commissioner Peter Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Eldon moved, and Commissioner Holland seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Jones absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 20, 2020.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

Vice Chair Cherin arrived at 9:09 a.m.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lori Mills, Vice President of the Malibu Art Association, stated she would be opening up a new gallery, Malibu Contemporary, located at the Malibu Lumber Yard and opening on March 11, 2020. She stated the gallery would feature contemporary art from local artists and members of the Malibu Arts Foundation in addition to monthly shows, community gatherings, and workshops.
ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education
   Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the Poetry Workshops at Malibu Elementary School ended on February 19, 2020.

2. City Hall Public Art
   Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the Student Art Exhibit would be on display until March 6, 2020. She stated the Birds and the Bees Opening Reception would take place on March 20, 2020, and the artwork would be on display from March 23, 2020 to May 29, 2020.

   In response to Vice Chair Cherin, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated she would create an application for vendors or organizations interested in having a community information table at the Opening Reception.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Vice Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Holland seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Jones absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
   None.

B. New Items
   1. Approval of Minutes
      Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the October 22, 2019 Cultural Arts Commission Regular meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Water Treatment Facility Artwork
   Recommended Action: Review and discuss options for the installation of new artwork on the Water Treatment Facility fencing located on the corner of Civic Center Way and Cross Creek Road.

   Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

   Chair Brady stated artist Natalie Arnoldi should be considered for the project.
In response to Vice Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated a Call to Artists could be advertised for the project and the Commission could then invite Ms. Arnoldi to apply.

Chair Brady stated she would contact Ms. Arnoldi and report back to the Commission at the March 24, 2020 Regular meeting.

CONSENSUS
By consensus, the Commission agreed to bring the item back for discussion at the March 24, 2020 Regular meeting.

B. Performance and Visual Arts Center
Recommended Action: Discuss the potential for a performance and visual arts center in Malibu.

Chair Brady reviewed the Arts Task Force Report and discussed the Commission’s accomplishments since 2013.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS
A. City Hall Art Exhibition
Recommended Action: 1) Review the City Hall Public Art Ad Hoc Committee artwork recommendations for the Spring 2020 City Hall Art Exhibition; and 2) Approve the artwork for the exhibition.

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Holland stated artist submissions for the exhibition had been approved and the list of recommended artwork was ready for review by the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the recommended artist submissions.

Ex Officio Clifford left the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Vice Chair Cherin left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

MOTION Commissioner Eldon moved, and Commissioner Holland seconded a motion to accept the art submissions as reviewed. The motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Jones absent.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES
Community Services Director Bobbett stated the Commission’s work plan was updated at the January 27, 2020 City Council Meeting. He stated the Malibu Art Association would have its Art Walk at Legacy Park on Sunday, April 26, 2020.
ITEM 7  COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Chair Brady stated her film *Johnny Strange* was part of the Malibu Film Festival

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Water Treatment Facility Fence Artwork  
Long Term Goals  
Fundraising Opportunities

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION  At 11:41 a.m., Chair Brady moved, and Commissioner Holland seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Jones absent.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on July 28, 2020.

VERONICA BRADY, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant
RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Review the Poet Laureate Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and 2) Review and approve the installation of a poetry stone honoring former Poet Laureate Ellen Reich.

DISCUSSION: Since 2017, the Malibu Poet Laureate program has grown by developing free poetry workshops, events, and community partnerships. The program is a partnership between the City and the Poet Laureate Committee (Committee), a group of dedicated community members who work together to promote the literary arts while utilizing Pepperdine University, the Malibu Library, and various local businesses to provide space for poetry readings and events.

The Committee coordinates Arts in Education programs at Malibu schools, and facilitated several student poetry workshops, taught by former Malibu Poet Laureate Ricardo Means Ybarra, in 2018 and 2019. Through these programs, Mr. Ybarra provided hours of in-class instruction, oversaw various poetry slam events, and coordinated poetry readings with guest artists. Due to the success of the workshops, a group of his students took part in the annual Malibu Library Speaker Series Poetry Summit, Call to the Wall.

The Committee also successfully produced the annual Poetry Anthology through the Arts in Education program. The anthology is a collection of poems from local Malibu and Pepperdine University students, and featured poets receive a copy of the anthology at the end of each school year.

Additionally, the Committee expanded free poetry programs for adults under late Poet Laureate Ellen Reich. Mrs. Reich led monthly poetry readings and multi-week workshops
at the Malibu Library, Michael Landon Center, and Pepperdine University. Mrs. Reich was the City’s second Poet Laureate, and held the position for one year, before passing away in May 2020. The Poet Laureate position is a two-year term and is currently vacant. The Committee has discussed potential recommendations to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Mrs. Reich’s term.

Poetry Stones
In 2018, the Cultural Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission approved the placement of two poetry stones at Legacy Park. The stones were placed in honor the City’s first Poet Laureate, Ricardo Means Ybarra, and to recognize the importance of poetry and literary arts to Malibu.

Mr. Ybarra was recognized as the first Poet Laureate with a stone that contains a portion of his poem, *America*. The second stone included the poem, *Thank You*, by Mandy Mulligan, a graduate of Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, who was part of the City’s Arts in Education program.

The Committee has requested the installation of a new poetry stone for Ellen Reich. Mrs. Reich’s teachings and commitment to Malibu made a lasting impression on the community. She taught Creative Writing and Poetry for Emeritus College at the Malibu Senior Center for many years before becoming Poet Laureate. She was the recipient for multiple poetry awards, a published author, and a recognized visual artist.

The Committee recommended two locations for the stone, Legacy Park and City Hall. The two original poetry stones are located at Legacy Park, and Mrs. Reich’s poetry stone could be placed opposite of Mr. Ybarra’s, near the amphitheater. The Legacy Park location would also further the Commission’s purpose for placing Mr. Ybarra’s stone near the amphitheater, which was selected due to its purpose as a place for creativity and location for cultural events. The second recommended location is the lower level of City Hall, outside the main entrance of the Senior Center. This location was selected due to Mrs. Reich’s involvement with the Senior Center and Emeritus College writing programs (Attachment 2 and 3).

Earlier this year, a stone was selected by Mrs. Reich and the Committee (Attachment 4). Mrs. Reich’s black Belgian limestone weighs 290 pounds and has dimensions of 30 inches tall, by 18 inches wide, by 6 inches deep.

The Commission is asked to review and prioritize Poet Laureate programs and workshops for the current fiscal year. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the final budget for poetry programs is still under review. The information provided by the Commission will be used by staff to determine program focuses and priorities, once a final budget it established.

The Commission is also asked to review the proposed poetry stone and location. The location requires approval from both the Cultural Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.
Recreation Commission. If approved, staff will present the project to the Parks and Recreation Commission at an upcoming meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:
1) Proposed Poem for Poetry Stone
2) Poetry Stone Locations
3) Poetry Stone Location Photos
4) Poetry Stone Photo
Proposed Poem for Poetry Stone
Written by Poet Laureate Ellen Reich

Interruption of Bird

take one feather floating
toward the surface of the earth

the bird unaware of her loss
sings

her timing precise like rests in music
for without phrasing there is no passion

the bird-song a gentle entry
to ancient conversation
Legacy Park Poetry Stone Potential Locations

- Ellen Reich Proposed Location of Poetry Stone
- Ricardo Means Ybarra Poetry Stone
- Mandy Mulligan Student Poetry Stone
City Hall Poetry Stone Potential Location
Poet Laureate Stone – Proposed Location at Legacy Park

Amphitheater opposing side with Ybarra’s stone
Poet Laureate Stone – Proposed Location at Malibu City Hall, Senior Center

Walkway to Senior Center Entrance
Poet Laureate Poetry Stone
The black Belgian limestone weighs 290 pounds and is 30 inches tall by 18 inches wide, with a depth of roughly 6 inches. It has both polished and natural surfaces, which gives it a slightly irregular shape, but still rectangular.

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