

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes - Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Dana Goforth
2. Members present: Frank Beitz; Tim Culbertson Jill Legler and Helen Ogden. Guest: Jenny Clare
3. The minutes of the November 12, 2003 Arts Commission meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Dana Goforth announced that she would be stepping down from the Arts Commission to pursue other interests. Helen Ogden said that she, too, would not be returning after this meeting. Goforth said she would turn over all her Commission-related material to vice chair Tim Culbertson. Goforth also reported that she has not heard recently from the Friends of the Arts group, but she understands it is going through some organizational restructuring. Jill Legler commented about the future of the Arts Commission, given that the overall City budget is going to be increasingly strained. Dana Goforth said she hoped that perhaps some of the proceeds from the sale of the Holman House might help continue funding the arts in the City. Tim Culbertson reported that he received a letter from PGUSD Superintendent Patrick Perry asking for a representative from the Arts Commission to serve on a panel to rename the PGMS Auditorium. He cannot serve, but Jill Legler and Frank Beitz expressed interest. The meeting will be on January 20. Dana gave Tim Culbertson information about having a booth at Good Old Days. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

To accommodate the schedule of guest Jenny Clare, it was unanimously approved to move item 7d to this point of the meeting.

- 7d. Jenny Clare identified herself as a Pacific Grove resident, mother and supporter of the Pacific Grove Art House. Her purpose in attending and addressing the Commission was to share an idea she has about having a benefit art event and silent auction for local artists and to raise money for the Art House to put on a community art event. Ideally, she would like to hold the event in a City park. While the commissioners were generally supportive of her idea and praised her energy and creativity, there were several issues of concern, including the for-profit status of the Art House, the City's restriction on holding commercial events in a City park, and the possibility that allowing this event might open the door for other similar groups to want to copy it. It was suggested that Clare might have this event at the Art House itself, which would not require any City permits. John Miller said he would be glad to discuss her idea further if she wanted to come speak to him.
- 6a. The Celtic Christmas event held on December 6th was attended by about 75 people, all of whom enjoyed the show. There was some communication problems associated with the decorating event planned for the previous night, and only one child attended. Six or seven members of the PGHS Spanish Club were there to babysit at the decorating party as a fundraiser, so Frank Beitz said he felt it was only fair that the Commission make a donation to the Spanish Club anyway. He said he will make this donation from his business. Helen Ogden suggested that the planning for Celtic Christmas should begin early this year and the date get set for the first Saturday of December.
- 6b. Frank Beitz is continuing to work on getting information on an artwork display system for City Hall. He will contact staff at Public Works to see how they might be able to assist. This will be further discussed at the February meeting.
- 6c. Tim Culbertson and Frank Beitz are working on development of an intergenerational project with elementary-age children interviewing and reporting on older citizens. They hope to work with the two school PTAs and produce a show that would air on the local public access channel. They also envision holding a special evening showing of the final videotape.
- 6d. The commissioners unanimously voted to table the item regarding the cataloguing of City artwork. Dana Goforth had hoped to accomplish this, but had not made significant progress. It was agreed to revisit this in six months.
- 6e. Dana Goforth reported that there has been no further progress on the historic mural proposed for the NOAA Building. The deadline has been extended.

- 7a. There will be discussion about the 2004 Sunday Concert in Jewell Park series in February regarding sponsorships and possibly changing the date to the fourth Sunday of May, June, July, August and September and also what musical groups might be invited to participate.
- 7b. The free plein air workshop held in November with Mark Farina was very successful. It was suggested to have another similar workshop in the spring, and perhaps invite a different artist to run the workshop. This will be discussed further in February.
- 7c. Helen Ogden will contact Searles Framing to see if they would give a discount to frame the approximately 35 pieces of artwork done by students at the plein air workshops that could be displayed somewhere in the City. One possible location is the Forest Avenue Bagel Bakery location. Jill Legler said she would check with the restaurant manager about this.

Before the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., Tim Culbertson expressed the appreciation of the Arts Commission to Dana and Helen for their invaluable service to the group.

The next Arts Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at the Pacific Grove Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Goforth
Chair