The monthly meeting of the Arts Commission was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 in Community Room A located in City Hall on the 1st floor.

Commissioner Perryman-Banks called the meeting to order at about 6:40 p.m.

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Mari Morales, At Large
Commissioner Teka-Lark Fleming, District 1
Commissioner David Aguilar, District 3
Commissioner Vicki Perryman-Banks, District 4
Sabrina Barnes, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director Sandra Green-Hilliard, Senior Administrative Secretary

Absent

Commissioner Anne La Rose, District 2

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Perryman-Banks made a motion to approve the minutes from July 18, 2012. The minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Morales, Fleming, Aguilar, Perryman-Banks

Nays: None

Old Business

Sabrina Barnes updated the Commission on the recruitment of the Public Art Coordinator stating seven (7) individuals have been interviewed and one (1) has been chosen. The candidate chosen has a wealth of experience and is very knowledgeable in best practices. Priorities are to include renewal of current policies and procedures, a new procedural manual and documents for commissioning artwork. This candidate will be expected to assist us in developing some of the

projects that have come forth and help out in prioritizing projects and developing RFP's as well as work with the Commission to ensure they are spending appropriately and assist the Commission with anything they see as a priority. (Commissioner La Rose arrived at about 6:45 p.m.) Commissioner Perryman-Banks asked will this person be attending Commission meetings. Ms. Barnes stated yes, she will be staffing and running the meeting although I will still be in attendance. Commissioner La Rose asked if she heard her (Ms. Barnes) mention publicity. Ms. Barnes stated no but it is a priority along with a condition report of current pieces as well as what is in our collection. Commissioner Aguilar asked would the Coordinator be able to develop an interactive website that focuses on the art in the City. Ms. Barnes stated the coordinator can put together the content and the city's IT Department can put it in place. Commissioner La Rose agreed that the city needs a web presence and suggested a brochure. Ms. Barnes also agreed and suggested a formal artist registry.

Sabrina Barnes gave an update regarding the maintenance of the murals in reference to the bronze plaques stating she has been in contact with the folks from Kemp. Commissioner La Rose asked if we are using Kemp, Ms. Barnes stated yes.

In response to the Commissioner's request for information (RFI), Sabrina Barnes gave each Commissioner a list of the City of Inglewood's Public Art and Historic Sites which was also sent to them earlier via email. Commissioner La Rose stated the new mural at North Park is missing from list. Ms. Barnes stated it needs to be named. Commissioner La Rose suggested the phrase "Kids Come in All Ages" as it is what is already on the mural. Ms. Barnes stated she would revise the list to reflect the addition.

Sabrina Barnes asked Commissioner Fleming to lead a discussion on the tour of the artwork on the Metro subway lines that they recently attended. Commissioner Fleming shared her experience with Commission stating it was a very enlightening tour that she enjoyed and is looking forward to what is to come. Ms. Barnes stated she has put together a list of artist information that she has received from the Commissioners and has passed it along to her contact person from MTA who should be contacting them in the fall 2012?

New Business

Renee Fox, Coordinantor of Inglewood Open Studios gave a presentation/history on the Inglewood Open Studios Tour scheduled to take place this year on November 10 and 11 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. with a reception/exhibit to

take place Saturday evening, location and time TBD. Sabrina Barnes stated the city has supported the event in the past providing transportation and was wondering what type of support they are seeking this year so that the Commission may discuss it and decide what they'd like to recommend to the Mayor and Council staff. Commissioner Fleming stated she is looking forward to the tour expanding. Ms. Barnes stated you mentioned an exhibit area TBD, do you have a location in mind. Ms. Fox stated they do have ideas such as a store front or an industrial space, but not a particular location at this time. A gentleman in the audience stated he would love to see them get something on Market Street. He also shared the thought of an art walk in the Downtown Inglewood area. Ms. Barnes asked if they are looking for a site for Saturday and Sunday only or were you looking for longer than that. Ms. Fox stated they would love the opportunity to have a location for longer. Ms. Barnes asked what it would take to have a site managed. A gentleman in the audience stated the days the tour is not taken place the artists can volunteer and watch the space. Commissioner La Rose asked if they have taken a look at Market Street. The gentleman stated yes, there are a number of vacant spots. Ms. Barnes asked if they've ever considered this room (referring to Community Room A in City Hall) as a possible location. The gentleman stated yes they did but thought that there would be security issues considering it is a weekend event. Ms. Barnes asked would there be volunteers to staff the event because they would not be able to just leave it open and unattended. She also mentioned a show was once held here in the room which lead into the hallways of City Hall and asked when they were looking to make a decision on the location. The gentleman stated they still have plenty of time to talk about it and was stated if the city was sponsoring the event by making space available to them it would be absolutely amazing despite wondering would that give the tour a political feel. Commissioner La Rose stated that she understood the gentleman's feelings but asked him to look at it as another way the city is coming around to support the tour. Ms. Fox stated they will definitely keep their options open. Ms. Barnes asked is your request for transportation. Ms. Fox stated transportation would be perfect. She also suggested some light pole banners throughout the city's major entrance/thoroughfares as an advertisement for the event. Commissioner La Rose stated there is one company in Los Angeles that does this and it is an estimated \$65 per banner which includes installation and removal for something generic that we can use until we have more money. Commissioner Perryman-Banks suggested they should display the event dates. The gentleman in the audience suggested the banner could read 2nd weekend of November. Commissioner Fleming suggested the banners could be themed and done by local artists. Ms. Fox suggested a long banner across Manchester and La Brea. Ms. Barnes stated the cost for that is about \$1800 plus the annual cost for date change and general maintenance. Commissioner Perryman-Banks thought the banner was a nice idea. Ms. Fox also recommended a printed catalog something similar to a playbill that can display artists' information, sponsors, etc. Ms. Barnes informed Ms. Fox that she will need to submit a proposal to our office that she will share with the Arts Commission. They will need it with enough time giving them a 3-week window to review it and formulate a recommendation to the Mayor and Council. She also stated that although she is not a voting member or one who can make a recommendation, she does suggest for her to request the basic transportation as we have provided in the past. Ms. Fox stated she will submit that very soon. Commissioner Morales stated that she hopes they are able to find a place on Market Street as she attended a show on La Brea and it was well attended.

Commissioner Perryman-Banks made a motion to support the Open Studios by providing transportation as has been done in the past. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Fleming, La Rose, Morales, Aguilar and Perryman-

Banks

Nays: None

Ms. Susan Peralta from Inglewood Cultural Arts (ICA) was scheduled to give a presentation. While waiting for Ms. Peralta to arrive the Commission had an unofficial discussion amongst themselves regarding sponsorship of the Open Studios Tour in general. Ms. Peralta did not make it to the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.