



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280 - A
455 North Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

MINUTES

**FINE ART COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
4:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kaye, Potter, Pressman
Commissioners Absent: Smooke, Hiller
Staff Present: Hunt-Coffey, Meyerowitz, Pfalzgraf, Acuna, Knebel

Commissioner Hiller arrived at 4:04 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. Regular Meeting of February 19, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Pressman, to approve as presented. (3/0)

AYES: Hiller, Potter, Pressman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Smooke
ABSTAIN: Kaye
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Tab 2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna)

- A. The Fine Art Fund is reported at \$2,245,660. Assistant Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey will research discrepancies in the financial data noted by Commissioner Kaye as well as the timing for entries into the City finance system.

- B. Update on /o by Carol Bove -Conference call with staff and fabricator took place recently. Work is on schedule to be completed in the spring. There are specific guidelines being adhered to in reference to the lighting and dimensions of the pad. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.
- C. Mayor's cabinet meeting notes from February were provided to Commissioners.
- D. Kentridge update – No new letters have been received from any galleries.
- E. Discussion regarding fencing around the Kusama – The contract has been extended to include engineering of footings and site overview with cables laid out. There is a possible presentation by the designer for cost estimates at the April meeting. The City of Beverly Hills Building & Safety Division has been contacted and all details have been confirmed as to what needs to be submitted and it was confirmed that the contract will cover those needs.

Reminders – Los Angeles Marathon 03/15/15
 City Council Reorganization 03/24/15

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 3. Art obligation for 121 N. San Vicente (Taken out of order)

Presentation took place by the Gray Gallery Director Andrew Utas and Owner Vram Minassian with regard to the 121 San Vicente Art Obligation. After discussion, Commissioners decided to drive by site and view area. The Art Obligation amount is \$210,000. A Powerpoint was shown with works, articles and background from Artist Peter Lane. Commissioners discussed the ability to view the artwork from the street as well as how the Gallery decided on the cost of the piece. Furthermore, the piece is installed into the wall/structure thus leading Commissioners to believe the piece is classified as decorative/design art, not fine art. Commissioners agreed to visit the gallery locating to view prior to the April Commission Meeting. Further discussion will take place at that meeting

Tab 4. Decomposed granite around art pieces

Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf discussed the decomposed granite around art pieces concern with the Commission. He suggested drip irrigation and specific plantings around sculptures. Commissioners Hiller and Kaye will meet with Mr. Pfalzgraf and representatives from the Recreation and Parks Commission to review plant material options around sculptures located in City Parks.

Tab 5. Review of FAC Priorities (Taken out of order)

The Fine Art Commission priorities were reviewed by Assistant Director Hunt-Coffey.

There was a decision to move Fine Art financials back to the priority section and the DG issues to the lower section. Staff is continuing to work with other City Departments and get training to better obtain information and streamline systems for information gathering.

Tab 6. Update on developer owned FAO art (Taken out of order)

There was a recent meeting regarding *440 North Rodeo Drive*. Feedback was received from representatives of the property. Further discussion took place about the status of the Art Obligation at *2 Rodeo* and *Spago*.

Tab 7. Next steps with Mah Jong by Malcom Susman (Taken out of order)

Commissioners were presented with the idea of deaccessioning the sculpture. They were provided with background information of the artist in their packet. It was decided to wait for appraisal (discussed in TAB 9) of the piece before moving forward with a decision on the deaccession.

Tab 8. Next steps with placement of Joan Brown's Obelisk (Taken out of order)

Commissioners spoke about placing obelisk in front of Public Works Building fountain area on Foothill Road. A concern is the possibility of water getting on the sculpture. Staff will provide additional photos from this area for greater understanding of the location. As another option, Commissioners were presented with a photo rendering of Obelisk at Roxbury Park. Staff was concerned with the sculpture being on the grassy area and near central irrigation and backflow devices and suggested further discussion prior to a motion and vote to relocate the sculpture permanently in either area.

Tab 9. Appraisal of City art collection

Assistant Director Hunt-Coffey presented the cost of the City art appraisal to be from \$4,500 to \$5,700. After a brief discussion, the Commission voted on the following motion:

MOVED by Pressman, SECONDED by Potter, to approve expenditure of a "Not to Exceed \$6,000" Agreement for services to appraise the 28 piece City Art Collection (including Mah Jong). Appraisal will not include the Electric Fountain. (4/0)

AYES: Hiller, Kaye, Potter, Pressman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Smooke
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

Tab 10. Fencing for Woods Davy

Commissioners have been asked by Councilmember Krasne to consider fencing around the Woods Davy Sculpture slated for installation at Coldwater Canyon Reservoir. Commissioners discussed the fact that the City of Beverly Hills Risk Management approved the installation without a barrier, therefore they believe it is not necessary to

install one. Additionally, it will be located across the street from the play area and potential child interaction.

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Hiller to not install fencing per the recommendation of Risk Management due to the fact the sculpture will be located across the street from possible children interacting with the piece. (4/0)

AYES: Hiller, Kaye, Potter, Pressman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Smooke
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

Tab 11. Update on Richard Serra

The installation agreement for the Richard Serra Project is nearing completion. The gallery owner, contractor and engineer are all working together for a successful installation. The gallery is interested in a ceremony and possible reception at the site to be coordinated at a later date.

Tab 12. Ad hoc committee assignments

This Tab was not discussed.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

COMMITTEES

- Arts -4-All/BHUSD Subcommittee (Pressman)
- Developers Brochure Subcommittee (Pressman, Kaye)
- Public Art Maintenance Subcommittee (Potter, Kaye)
- Public Art Ordinance Revisions Subcommittee (Pressman)
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Pressman, Potter)
- Developer Owned Art (Pressman, Hiller)
- iphone app/web site update Subcommittee (Potter, Hiller)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 16 day of April, 2015.



Sandy Pressman, Chairperson