



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

MINUTES

FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING May 21, 2015 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. Regular Meeting of April 16, 2015

MOVED by Kaye, SECONDED by Pressman, to approve as presented. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Pressman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Potter
ABSTAIN: NONE
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. Fine Art Fund is reported at 2,925,000.
- B. Mayor's Cabinet meeting notes were provided to Commissioners.
- C. Update on appraisal of City's art collection – Each contractor needs to meet City insurance requirements; Insurance for one contractor is being determined and when received work will commence.

D. FAC priorities item – no discussion

E. There was no further update on *Hunter and Hounds* Veterans Memorial information with regard to the content of the plaques to be installed. More information will be disseminated once available.

Additional Comments:

- 2 Rodeo Fine Art Obligation. Staff reported there is additional research necessary to determine whether Fine Art Obligation requirements have been met at the location.
- Paintings at 440 N. Rodeo. Commissioner Hiller inquired as to the status of this artwork which has been damaged and is in storage. Staff will follow up with the representatives of this property to determine next steps.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 3. Update on the Woods Davy piece and invitation to studio

Chair Pressman, Staff and the Mr. Davy met for a site visit at Coldwater Canyon Park. The Woods Davy piece is currently at his studio being full restored. He extended an invitation for the Commission to visit. In addition, he offered the opportunity for students to come for a tour at a separate time.

Tab 4. Update on Io by Carol Bove

Recreation Services Manager Brad Meyerowitz met the lighting specialist at the fabricators studio to discuss next steps. Photographs of the sculpture in progress were presented to the Commission.

Tab 5. Discussion regarding fencing around and restoration of the Kusama

Assistant Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey reviewed the past progress of the fencing project around the Kusama. Borders and plantings did not protect the piece from people interacting with it. Different options have been proposed to City Council. It is requested that the commission review the current design including ariel view of the fencing, and consider a restoration.

MOVED by Hiller, SECONDED by Pressman, to release the fence design for three bids as proposed in the packet. (3/1)

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

Further discussion about the restoration took place. Commissioner Kaye voiced objection to the estimated price and that the Commission had not met with the designer as planned and been

given alternatives for the estimated costs. Resident Susan Gersh recommended a firm specializing in the restoration of Kusama's sculptures. Staff will follow up.

Tab 6. Next steps with placement of Joan Brown's *Obelisk*

The original recommendation, endorsed by City Council, to place the Joan Brown *Obelisk* in the planter outside the Beverly Hills Public Library, will be completed by late summer/early fall 2015.

Tab 7. Changes to Richard Serra placement and pad

Staff reported on the changes requested by the artist and gallery to install the Richard Serra sculpture.

MOVED by Pressman, SECONDED by Smooke to install the Richard Serra sculpture per the revised orientation and landscape specification of the artist and Gagosian Gallery. (4/0)

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

Tab 8. Next steps with the William Kentridge World on its Legs

Meeting took place with Chair, Vice Chair, Staff and Councilmember Krasne to bring her up to date on the art that is being considered. Item is scheduled to be presented at City Council Study Session on June 16, 2015. Budget is being formulated prior to meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

- Staff invited the Commission to attend the unveiling of the new murals art work at the Children's Library on June 7, 2015 at 12:15 p.m.
- Chair Pressman commented about the recent BH Art Show.
- Community Service Director Steve Zoet discussed the possible conversions of the Burton Way and Sunset Boulevard Medians from turf to drought tolerant plants and landscaping due to recent water restrictions.
- Commissioner Smooke shared an article from the New York Times about public art, a catalog from an auction he attended, and a workshop in Pasadena that he will be part of a panel.
- Commissioner Hiller reported on the ground surface at the Tadao Ando seen by Chair Pressman in Japan. It was suggested that Commission continue the discussion at a future meeting.

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)

Chair Pressman stated that the committees would be discussed at a future meeting when the new Chairperson and new Commissioner are seated.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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

 for 
Sandy Pressman, Chairperson