



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

MINUTES

FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING November 19, 2015 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter
Commissioners Absent: NONE
Staff Present: Hunt-Coffey, Meyerowitz, Acuna, Thau

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Consideration of Minutes

Regular Meeting of October 15, 2015

MOVED by Rubins, SECONDED by Smooke, to accept the minutes from October 15, 2015 regular meeting with changes. (5/0)

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Honorable former Mayor MeraLee Goldman addressed the Fine Art Commission as a Cultural Ambassador of the City. She expressed some concerns about the protection of the *Sitting Figure on a Short Bench* art piece by Magdalena Abankanowicz. She is requesting to the Commission to install landscaping surrounding the sculpture for protection.

2. Report by Fine Art Commission Staff Liaison (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna)

- **Information only**

- A. Fine Art Fund report and update, including refunds. The Fine art fund reports were provided in the packet. Request by Commissioner at Mayor's Cabinet for refunds of Fine Art deposits to be expedited. Although not identified as a priority of the Commission, Finance department is moving forward with issuing refunds.
- B. Mayor's cabinet meeting notes were provided in the packet.
- C. Update on developer owned art. 2 covenants resent. 1 revised covenant sent. 2 additional received. Issue with 8901 W. Olympic covenant resolved. Confirmation letter issued to 8942 Wilshire regarding Eric Orr piece.
- D. Update on the Woods Davy piece. A site visit with contractor and art handling/installation company was held. Estimates are being generated for footings/piers and installation.
- E. Update on William Kentridge *World on Its Hind Legs*. Agreement drafted, tentatively scheduled to go to City Council on 12/1/15.
- F. Instagram. Request by Commissioner to approve and take over maintenance of Instagram account. Not a priority of Commission. Staff does not have resources to maintain. Continue as private account, absent City shield/seal.
- G. Art in Public Places Brochure. The brochure will be updated and prepared for the review when the Commission selects this item as a priority.
- H. Bove maintenance issues. New scratches on the piece noted. Maintenance instructions received and sent to Rosa Lowinger for analysis and estimate for quarterly treatment. Final payment withheld.
- I. Spiral of Life maintenance. Staff and Rosa Lowinger in contact with Baile Oakes regarding his inquiry about maintenance of this piece.

J. 150 S. El Camino update. The Sam Falls and Jacob Hashimoto pieces have been installed. Staff is preparing covenant and scheduling a visit to the site with Chair/Vice Chair to verify.

- **Other item(s)**

Upcoming Commission training. Reminder about upcoming Commission training on 12/5/15, 8 am – noon at Roxbury Community Center.

Team Beverly Hills was held at the Library on November 18. The Fine Art Commission was discussed.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. FAC upcoming meetings

The Commission was asked to decide if they wanted to go dark one month a year. The Commission decided not to go dark and to keep all monthly meetings. The review of 2016 dates was tabled to a later meeting.

4. Project/follow up priority setting exercise

The Commission selected their priority projects and follow up items that staff will work during this current month.

Staff has a limit of 5 projects and 5 follow up items per month. While new items can be added to the “to do list”, items will not move onto the priority list until an existing priority item has been completed.

5. Bids for Kusama fencing

No responses were received to the bid package for the Kusama fencing project. As a result, staff has proactively contacted two companies that provide custom fencing. The Commission presented a bid provided by Master Ironworks. Next month the second bid will be presented and the Commission will be asked to vote on the proposals.

6. Kusama Restoration

Staff coordinated a site meeting of Ironwood and Rosa Lowinger and Associates at the site of the Kusama *Hymn of Life*. A report from Rosa Lowinger and Associates (RLA) was presented to the Commission. RLA is working with Ironwood on detailing a scope

of services that Ironwood would provide to restore the piece under the warranty. It was recommended by staff that RLA oversee this restoration process.

7. Web page priority submission form

Commissioner Hiller and Commissioner Rubins have worked on the text and issues related to developing a web page that will allow members of the public to submit ideas for art purchase, as part of the annual priority setting exercise. The Commission considered these ideas for future implementation and suggested some changes.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Developers Brochure Subcommittee (Kaye, Rubins)
Update on agenda item 2 of this meeting.
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Potter, Kaye)
No updates.
- Developer Owned Art (Hiller, Smooke)
No updates.
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise Committee (Hiller, Rubins)
Update on agenda item 7 of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner shared the article "Bad day for Modern Art" in regards of an art installation in Italy.

Commissioner updated the Commission on William Kentridge's great reviews of his collaboration with the New York Opera. He is also going to create the largest public art installation in Rome.

Commissioner informed that the Getty has displayed a Charles Ray sculpture.

Staff shared an article in the L.A. Times about the Conrad piece installed in the City of Santa Monica that cost originally cost \$250,000 will require a \$275,000 restoration.

Staff also shared with the Commission several Richard Serra installation press articles that were published.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this _17th_ day of _____December_____, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda R. Potter", written over a horizontal line.

Brenda Potter, Chairperson