



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280-A

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 17, 2015
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: December 17, 2015 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rubins, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye, Chair Potter
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Smooke
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Aida Thau

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended. Item 3. Project/follow up priority setting exercise was taken out of order and moved to be the last item discussed in this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of November 19, 2015 Fine Art Commission regular meeting minutes

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hiller, SECONDED by Vice Chair Kaye to adopt the minutes as presented (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rubins, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye, Chair Potter
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Smooke
CARRIED

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION ITEMS

2. Standardized templates

Staff reviewed the standardization of the City Commissions' agenda, synopsis and minutes.

3. Project/follow up priority setting exercise

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

4. Bids for Kusama fencing

Because no responses were received to the bid package for the Kusama fencing project, staff proactively contacted two companies that provide custom fencing. The Commission reviewed the bids for the work presented at the November meeting, and the second bid presented at this meeting. It was recommended that the Commission select a vendor for the Kusama fence. Vice Chair Kaye requested that we ask the selected vendor what fence could be built for \$25,000.

Speakers: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hiller, SECONDED by Chair Potter to accept the bid from Master Ironworks with 19 poles, as well as the bid from Korade & Associate Builders, Inc. for the concrete footings plus contingency (3-1).

AYES: Commissioners Rubins, Hiller, Chair Potter

NOES: Vice Chair Kaye

ABSENT: Commissioner Smooke

CARRIED

5. Kusama restoration

Rosa Lowinger and Associates has worked with Ironwood on detailing a scope of services that Ironwood would provide to restore Kusama's *Hymn of Life* under the warranty. It was recommended by staff that RLA oversee this restoration process. A cost for this service was attached. The Commission was asked to approve this scope of work with RLA.

Speakers: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair kaye, SECONDED by Commissioner Rubins to approve the scope of work by RLA (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rubins, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye, Chair Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Smooke

CARRIED

6. Web page submission form

The Commission reviewed and proposed changes on the language 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair's report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
Mayor's Cabinet Notes were provided in the packet.
- B. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Developers Brochure Ad Hoc (Kaye, Rubins)
No updates
 - Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Potter, Kaye)
No updates
 - Developer Owned Art (Hiller, Smooke)
No updates
 - Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
Update on agenda item 6 of this meeting
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
 - Commissioners gave feedback in regards of the training held on 12/5/15.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Director's report

- Information only items
Staff updated and discussed with the Commission the following items:
 - A. Fine Art Fund report and update, including refunds
Fine art fund reports were provided in the packet. Follow up on request by Commissioner Kaye 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
Mayor's cabinet meeting notes were included in Chair report.
 - C. Update on developer owned art
Staff continues to receive and verify covenants. Various issues with the execution of the covenants have caused this project to be time consuming.
 - D. Update on the Woods Davy piece
Estimate received for footings/piers. Second bid for relocation and installation being secured.
 - E. Update on William Kentridge *World on Its Hind Legs*
Gallery returned agreement with request for substantial changes. City Attorney's Office and Risk Management are reviewing the requested changes.

- F. Update on Magdalena Abakanovicz sculpture protection
The plantings around this sculpture had to be removed because there was a ground-based beehive that had formed at the site. Parks staff will have the surrounding planter replanted within a few weeks.
- G. Lighting on art pieces in Beverly Gardens Park
The City Electrician addressed the issue of some pieces not being lit in Beverly Gardens Park. All pieces should now be lit at nighttime.
- H. Bove Maintenance Issues
Issues continue to occur with the lowest portions of the Bove piece. Pictures were provided. Rosa Lowinger's group has submitted an initial estimate, which is being revised, for the cost of regular maintenance of the piece.
- I. Tom Friedman
Artist Tom Friedman will be visiting Beverly Hills at the end of December to examine different possible locations for placement of one of his pieces.
- J. Research on Fine Art Financials
Based on the request of Commissioner Kaye, staff coordinated with Community Development and Finance staff regarding Commissioner Kaye's questions regarding project valuation and the fine art obligations at Louis Vuitton at 295 N. Rodeo Dr.; Barneys at 9570 Wilshire Blvd.; 465 N. Roxbury; 9849 Wilshire.
- K. Request for retreat and liaison meeting
Staff has followed up on Commissioner Rubins request for a retreat to be held with the Fine Art City Council liaisons at an upcoming Commission meeting. City Management has indicated that before a retreat is scheduled, that the request should be brought first to the liaisons. Staff is coordinating a meeting of the liaisons.
- L. 2 Rodeo letter update
Staff met with the City Attorney's Office and provided all of the relevant documentation to the City Attorney's staff regarding 2 Rodeo. The City Attorney's staff has indicated that the next step is for them to do a title search on the property. Once the title search is complete, they will touch base with staff on the next steps with this project.

- Other Items (FYI-type items for the Commission)
None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: Councilmember Nancy H. Krasne addressed the Fine Art Commission and thanked them for attending to the Commission Workshop and for providing feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 17, 2015 / 5:32 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this _21st_ day of _____January_____, 2016.

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

Brenda R. Potter, Chairperson