



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 21, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 21, 2016 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye,
Chair Potter
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuña, 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 5. 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 December 17, 2015 Fine Art Commission regular meeting minutes

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Kaye, SECONDED by Chair Potter to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Bids for Kusama fencing

The majority of the Commission voted in the December meeting to accept the \$40,000 bid from Master Ironworks with 19 stainless steel poles, as well as the bid from Korade & Associate Builders, Inc. for the concrete footings plus contingency.

The Kusama fencing was also discussed on the January 6th Fine Art Commission/City Council Liaison meeting. The Council Liaison asked that staff procure 1 or 2 additional bids for the stainless steel fencing before final decision. Consequently, Staff presented to the Commission the additional comparable bids.

Furthermore, in the December meeting, Vice Chair Kaye requested that we ask the selected vendor (Master Ironworks) for a fence option that could be built for \$25,000. Staff reported that Master Ironworks proposed a 19 wrought iron posts coated with zinc for extra protection and powder-coating as a lesser cost fencing option.

The Commission considered this lesser option and requested a detailed bid, and additional comparable bids to this reduced cost fencing option, as well as samples to examine the proposed powder-coating finishing.

The Commission also requested maintenance cost for both proposed fencing options, to ensure that the maintenance cost doesn't end up balancing out the lesser option cost.

3. Web page submission form

Staff informed the Commission that the next step would be for the Web Submission for Priority Exercise Ad Hoc Committee, IT and Staff to meet and report to the Commission in the February meeting.

4. Follow up on Tom Friedman visit

Staff reported on Tom Friedman's visit to Beverly Hills. Mr. Friedman has sent a couple of renderings of sculptures that could be commissioned for two different locations of his selection.

The Commission considered both proposals and requested further information in regards of price, height, and risk management.

The Commission would like to present to Recreation and Parks for consideration.

5. Project/follow up priority setting exercise

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

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS / ACTION ITEMS

None

STUDY SESSION, PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS, QUARTERLY UPDATES

6. Director's report

- Information only items

- A. Fine Art Fund report and update
Fine Art Fund reports were included in the packet.
- B. 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. Staff will prepare second mailing for those developers who have not responded. Intern Claire Danna has developed an MS Access database to track developer owned art more effectively. Staff demonstrated this new database at the meeting.
- C. Update on the Woods Davy piece
Due to concerns regarding loose dirt at the site, and the fact that the piece sits atop a reservoir, there have been independent requests from both the artist and the contractor to look at a different manner of base/footing. This new method has been approved by the City and is being redrawn. Once the drawings are complete, and a new bid is received for this work, the piece can be installed. Staff is currently examining the two week period of 1/25/16 – 2/5/16 for install; however, installation is also contingent upon donor's involvement.
- D. Update on William Kentridge *World on Its Hind Legs*
The Gallery returned the initial City agreement with substantial requested changes. The City Attorney's Office incorporated some of the changes and proposed language for other portions. This version was sent to the Gallery, and the Gallery has responded with further requested changes. By the date of the meeting, the City Attorney's Office will have issued what will hopefully be the final version to the Gallery. Staff is hopeful of bringing the agreement to a City Council meeting in February for approval.
- E. Bove maintenance issues
Staff provided an update to the Commission on the maintenance issues with the Bove.
- F. Request for retreat and liaison meeting
On 1/6/16, Vice Chair Kaye, Commissioner Hiller and staff met with Council liaisons Bosse and Krasne. One of the issues that were discussed was the request to hold a retreat between the full Commission and the two Council liaisons. For a variety of reasons, including the fact that the liaison assignments could be changing soon with the appointment of a new Mayor, the liaisons did not feel that a retreat was feasible at this time. At the liaison meeting, the Council liaisons were also briefed and updated on various Commission business.
- G. 2 Rodeo letter update
The 2 Rodeo fountain has been accepted as satisfaction to their fine obligation and Staff will move forward with the notification letter and procurement of the art covenant.
- H. Appraisal City's art collection
The appraisal by Jackie Silverman was attached to the report. The value of the collection has increased substantially since the collection was last appraised by Sotheby's.

- I. Update on Magdalena Abakanovicz sculpture protection
Staff provided an update to the Commission the status of the plantings around the Magdalena Abakanovicz sculpture.
- J. Kusama restoration
As requested at the last Commission meeting, RLA has installed a canopy and temporary fencing around the Kusama piece. RLA and Ironwood are working out the final schedule and responsibilities for the restoration. Staff expects that the restoration work will commence shortly.
- K. Commission Standardization – Emails
As part of the Commission standardization process initiated by Councilmember Krasne and Mayor Gold, the Commissioners will notice additional changes to the meeting agenda. Also, the decision has been made to supply Commissioners with City of Beverly Hills email accounts. Attached were the various City Administrative Regulations related to email use. Commissioners were asked to review these documents and sign that they have read them. Commissioners were issued their email accounts at the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair's Report

- A. Mayors 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 3 of this meeting.
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
Commissioners shared brief announcements and local art activities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

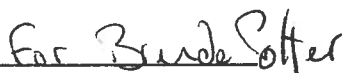
None

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 21, 2016 / 5:37 pm

PASSED / Approved and Adopted on this 8th day of February, 2016.


Brenda R. Potter, Chairperson


For Brenda Potter