



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 8, 2016  
1:00pm

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: February 8, 2016 / 1:00pm

**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 with the amended changes. Item 6. 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 January 21, 2016 Fine Art Commission regular meeting minutes

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Kaye, SECONDED by Chair Potter to  
approve the minutes with the amended changes (5-0).  
AYES: Commissioners Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye,  
Chair Potter  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 2. Kusama Fencing

Staff will bring the Kusama fencing to City Council in the Study Session of 2/16/16 as an informational item, since the cost of this project will not exceed \$50,000 it does not require City Council approval.

Staff presented to the Commission further research in regards to the wrought iron, zinc and powder-coated fencing option, and the stainless steel fencing option, as well as maintenance care for both options.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the bids and supporting information for the fencing project.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hiller, SECONDED by Commissioner Rubins to eliminate the powder coating option fencing (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

The Commission agreed to pursue the higher grade stainless steel fencing option. The vendor will be selected after some further clarification with the language of the presented bids.

### 3. Web page submission form

Staff and the ad hoc committee met with IT and they revised the language in the webpage and submission form. IT will implement the suggested changes and present the revised webpage to the Commission in the upcoming meetings.

### 4. Follow up on Tom Friedman visit

The Commission will present Tom Friedman's proposed art piece and selected installation location to the Recreation and Parks liaison on 2/18/16 for their consideration.

### 5. Proposed agenda for the retreat

The Commission reviewed the proposed agenda for the retreat and decided to not have a formal retreat, and to just agendize one item a time for open discussion in the upcoming Commission meetings.

### 6. 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

None

## PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS AND STAFF REPORTS

### 7. 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 is still working on a second mailing for those developers who have not responded to the initial call to return covenants, file current insurance, etc.

- C. Update on the Woods Davy piece

The new method for the base of the piece has been approved by the City and has been redrawn. The estimates for the pad and piers have been presented to the donor for approval.

- D. Update on William Kentridge *World on Its Hind Legs*

An issue came up regarding the language surrounding the unique nature of the piece. Staff is discussing this issue with the Gallery and the City Attorney's Office and hopes to finalize the language for the agreement shortly.

- E. Bove maintenance issues

Staff provided an update to the Commission on the maintenance issues with the Bove.

- F. Update on Magdalena Abakanovicz sculpture protection

Staff informed the Commission that the plantings around the Magdalena Abakanovicz sculpture are all in place.

- G. Kusama restoration

As the Commission is aware, one of the canopies that was installed around the Kusama *Hymn of Life* art piece came loose in the recent rain/wind storm. In the interest of public safety the canopies have been removed. The restoration process will begin on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

- H. Bike racks by art

Staff wanted the Commissioners to be aware that new bike racks for the City's bike sharing program will be installed throughout the City. In some cases these racks will be near some of the City's art pieces, but at this time staff does not believe that the racks will cause any issues with the public art.

- I. Lighting for Rodeo block

The lighting for the Rodeo block of Beverly Gardens Park was not coming on at night. Staff has addressed the issue and it appears to be working once again.

- J. Checking in on email accounts

Staff wanted to check in with the Commission on how it is going with using the new City of Beverly email addresses. Staff suggested following up with IT for assistance.

K. Art in Public Places web site.

Commissioners will contact this website and see what format and information has to be provided by Staff to add the City's collection on their website.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

8. Chair's Report

A. Mayors Cabinet Meeting

No updates.

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.

No updates.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Upcoming events

None

- Commission calendar/scheduling

None

- Information only items

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time:

February 8, 2016 / 2:50 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 17th day of March, 2016.

  
Brenda R. Potter, Chairperson

For Brenda Potter