



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 17, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: March 17, 2016 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye,
Commissioners Absent: Chair Potter
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuña, Aida Thau,
Gisele Grable, Stephanie Harris

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:

Ellen Lutwak has been a resident of Beverly Hills for over 20 years. She was selected as a fellow in the Cultural Policy track of Art for LA's ACTIVATE Arts Advocacy Leadership Program 2015-16. Ms. Lutwak addressed the Commission in regards of the Cultural plan of the City and the Commission invited her to present detailed information for this program to the next Fine Art Commission meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved with the amended changes. Item 5 and Item 6 were taken out of order and moved to be the last items discussed in this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the special meeting of February 8, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama fencing and restoration

Staff updated the Commission in regards of the Kusama restoration. The piece will be completely restored by next week. The protective fence will stay in place until the piece is ready to be unveiled.

Staff brought the Kusama fencing to City Council in the Study Session of 2/16/16 as an informational item, City Council did not call this item forward, therefore the Commission is allowed to proceed.

Staff provided additional information in regards to the solid top rail and the double posting recommendation by the vendor.

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

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Hiller, SECONDED by Commissioner Rubins to accept the bid from Horizon to provide the Kusama per the manufacturer's recommendations (4-0).

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

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to accept the bid for the footings as presented (4-0).

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

3. Web page submission form

IT staff, Jean Wang, presented the revised web page submission to the Commission. The web page submission form will be ready for the upcoming priority exercise.

4. Liaison meeting regarding Tom Friedman art piece and possible alternative locations for the piece

Staff updated the Commission on the Fine Art and Recreation and Parks Liaison meeting that took place on February 18 to discuss the proposed installation of a Tom Friedman sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park. The proposed location on the southeast corner of the Beverly Drive block was not endorsed by the Recreation and Parks Commission.

The Commission will pursue alternative locations for installation.

5. Retreat: discussion of the acquisition process

The Commission and Staff discussed the criteria and process for vendor agreements that relates to the acquisition process. The Commission will further discuss the acquisition process in the next Fine Art Commission meeting.

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.

7. Request from donor for financial support for installation of Woods Davy piece

The piece was proposed to be installed in the center planter of the Coldwater Canyon Park-Reservoir that sits atop the reservoir. This planter is human created and the dirt fill in it is fairly loose, compared to the naturally compacted clay soil in much of the City. Because of the complex nature of this location, the estimate to create the footing is \$9,871. Additionally, the estimate to relocate and install the piece is \$3,353. The donor is uncomfortable with these costs and is asking the commission to consider bearing some of the cost.

The Commission decided to pursue a different location for installation.

8. Update on William Kentridge *World on its Hind Legs*

Staff updated the Commission on the clarifications that the Marian Goodman Gallery, City Attorney's Office and former Fine Art Commissioner Susan Gersh had provided in regards of artist's proof versus edition and unique versus original.

The Commission decided to proceed with the agreement with the Marion Goodman Gallery for the purchase of *WOHL*.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Loan proposals from Desire Obtain Cherish and Stuart Kusher

Staff presented to the Commission two requests for loans of artwork to the City of Beverly Hills: one by artist Desire Obtain Cherish, and another by artist Stuart Kusher.

The Commission was not interested in pursuing either one of the proposed loans. The Commission appreciates that people bring forward loans to the City of Beverly Hills and they appreciate the work that goes behind it.

10. Request for special meeting in April

Chair Potter will be out of town for the regularly scheduled April meeting, and she would like to be a part of the discussion regarding the Tom Friedman piece. As a result, the

Commission decided to schedule a special meeting in April to replace the regular meeting. Staff will coordinate finite date via email.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS, QUARTERLY UPDATES

11. Director's report

- Information only items
 - A. Fine Art Fund report and update
Fine Art Fund reports were included in the packet.
 - B. Mayor's Cabinet Notes
The Mayor's Cabinet notes were included in the packet.
 - C. Update on developer owned art
Staff continues to receive covenants. Some more art covenants have successfully been filed with the County and notarized.
 - D. Bove maintenance issues
Staff updated the Commission on the issues related to wear with the Bove piece.
 - E. Lighting for Rodeo block
Staff updated the Commission on the lighting for the Rodeo Dr. block of Beverly Gardens Park
 - F. Appointment of new Fine Art Commissioner
City Council appointed Ms. Stephanie Vahn to the Fine Art Commission for her initial two-year term at the March 1, 2016. Ms. Vahn's term will begin on 7/1/16.
 - G. Staffing adjustments
Staff announced the promotion of Ms. Aida Thau to Executive Assistant I. Ms. Thau will continue in her capacity of staff support to the Fine Art Commission. Ms. Hunt-Coffey assumed her role as Director of Community Services on 3/14/16. As a result, she will transition off as staff support to the Commission. Mr. Meyerowitz will take the lead for the Commission, starting in April, and the Commission will be joined by Ms. Gisele Grable and Ms. Stephanie Harris to provide support to the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

12. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
Updated in Director's report since Chair was absent.
- 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
- Other Items
None

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 17, 2016 / 6:13 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this _27th_ day of ____April____, 2016.

 For Brenda Potter

Brenda R. Potter, Chairperson