



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Room 280-A

**FINE ART COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2016  
4:00pm

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: May 19, 2016 / 4:03pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**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.

None

**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 was taken out of order and moved to be the second item discussed in this meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the special meeting of April 27, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Smooke, 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. 121 San Vicente Fine Art Obligation Proposal

121 San Vicente presented to the Commission the art installation proposal from artists Joel Morrison and Chris Burden to satisfy their Fine Art Obligation.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to approve item 2 as presented with the provision that it is installed within 15 feet from the door and that it has 24 hour lighting (3-1).

AYES: Commissioners Rubins, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye,  
NOES: Smooke  
ABSENT: Chair Potter  
CARRIED

### 3. Green Street Function and Water Efficient Landscape Model on Burton Way Median

Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager, presented to the Commission the feasibility study and design for the green streets and water efficient landscape model at Burton Way project to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act. The Commission was pleased to see that this project will take in consideration the future installation of artwork along Burton Way.

### 4. Tom Friedman Proposed Acquisition

The Commission reviewed all the proposed locations for the Tom Friedman sculpture. The Commission discussed their preferred location.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to recommend the installation of the Tom Friedman art piece in the southwest corner of the Rodeo block indicated, and still revisit the initial location that was presented to the Liaisons (4-0).

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

The Commission requested to schedule a RPC/FAC liaison meeting to present to this alternative location.

### 5. Dali Exhibition at Two Rodeo Drive

Two Rodeo Drive in partnership with Galerie Michael followed up with the Commission in regards to the Dali exhibit that they are planning to display during the Summer- Fall 2016. The Commission clarified that in accordance to the Fine Art Obligation, Fine Art funds can only be used for art that is City owned. The Commission expressed their support and thanked them for the exposure of art and education that this exhibit brings to the City, and for helping people in need of surgical repair.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Kaye, SECONDED by Commissioner Rubins to officially commend and thank Two Rodeo and Galerie Michael for bringing this exhibition to the City (4-0).

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

**6. Proposal for Loaned Artwork**

The Commission discussed the proposal from Jamie McCourt for a loan of the sculpture Triple by artist Ewerdt Hilgemann.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Kaye, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to communicate to the McCourt group that we are thankful and enthusiastic about the idea of borrowing this art, but that City Code prohibit us from spending any money to accomplish that, and subject to determining a mutually agreeable location, we would like to proceed with the loan. (4-0).

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

**NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**7. Establishment of New Ad Hoc Committee**

The Commission discussed the possibility of creating an Ad Hoc Committee that would be charged with bringing in outside specialists, such as local museum curators, to discuss public art. This Committee could also look at potential acquisitions, including submissions made through the City's website.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Smooke to create an Ad Hoc Committee whose purpose is outlined in Section 7. (4-0).

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

**PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS**

**8. Director's Report**

- Information only items

**A. Fine Art Fund report**

Fine Art Fund reports were included in the packet. The Commission asked Staff to follow-up and report on a list of projects and their possible Fine Art Obligation.

**B. Woods Davy – Dedication May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Staff reported on the Dedication and reception that took place on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Webpage submission form  
All the changes requested by the Commission in the April meeting have been implemented.
- D. Kusama fencing and restoration  
Staff updated the Commission on the timeline for installation of the Kusama fencing.
- E. Richard Serra – Bike station update  
Staff updated the Commission on the quick removal of Bike Share Station that had been erroneously installed closed to this sculpture.
- F. Update on William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*  
Staff updated the Commission on the timeline for this acquisition.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

### 9. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting  
The Mayor's Cabinet notes were included 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 8 of this meeting.
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.  
The Commission shared information in regards to the sculpture *Reclining Figure ii 1967/1991* by Edoardo Villa. This is the first piece of Public Art acquired by Century City.  
Staff presented to the Commission the invitation for Activate-Arts Advocacy Leadership Program on behalf of Architectural Commissioner appointee, Sharon Persovki, who is was also selected advocate for this organization.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Upcoming events  
Staff informed the Commission of upcoming events:  
Beverly Hills Art Show - May 21 & 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Beverly Gardens Park
- Commission calendar/scheduling  
None
- Information only items  
None
- Other Items  
None

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 19, 2016 / 6:12 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this \_16<sup>th</sup>\_ day of \_\_\_\_June\_\_\_\_, 2016.

 For Brenda Potter  
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Brenda R. Potter, Chairperson