



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 21, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: July 21, 2016 / 4:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Vahn, Rubins, Smooke, Vice Chair Hiller, Chair Kaye

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuña, Gisele Grable, Stephanie Harris, Aida Thau, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Dana Beesen, Mark Cuneo

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tom Friedman Proposed Installation Location

This item was brought before the Recreation and Parks Commission on July 28th to discuss the Rodeo Dr. block in the Beverly Gardens Park as possible installation site for the Tom Friedman sculpture *Takeaway*. The Commission voted and approved the proposed location by a 3-2 vote.

The next step is to bring this item to the City Council Liaison. This meeting will be scheduled in early August to include Councilmember Bosse and Vice Mayor Krasne.

The Commission also discussed landscaping, orientation of the piece, and other details for this prospective installation.

3. Proposed Loan of Hilgemann Sculpture

The Commission discussed possible locations for installation of the proposed loaned sculpture *Triple*.

The Commission asked Staff to check if the Wallis Annenberg Center for Performing Arts would be a possible location for loaned art since it is City Property, and if so, to present this location and the north side of City Hall as possible locations for consideration.

4. Ad Hoc Committee Assignments

The Commission reviewed the existing Ad Hoc Committees, created some new Committees, eliminated some and restructured the assignments. See Item 8 B for proposed changes.

5. Fine Art Donations

The Commission will revise the criteria for Fine Art donations. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established for this purpose.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Big Project Report – Mark Cuneo, City Engineer

Mark Cuneo, City Engineer provided an update and PowerPoint presentation of the two major projects that will take place in the City: The Purple Line extension project and the reconstruction project for North Santa Monica Blvd. between Doheny Dr. and Wilshire Blvd. This project is anticipated to begin September 2016.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

7. Director's Report

- Information only items

A. Fine Art Fund report

Fine Art Fund reports were included in the packet.

B. Developer Owned Art

Staff reported that a second mailing of covenant letters will be sent out by the beginning of August.

- C. Kusama fencing
Staff updated the Commission in regards of the Kusama fencing installation. The top railing is currently being fabricated. The fence should be installed soon. Staff will coordinate with Park Services weed abatement around the sculpture.
- D. Update on William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*
Staff reported that the first installment of the payment will be wired next week. They are going to ship the artwork soon. Staff updated the Commission in regards to the logistics for this installation.
- E. Landscaping around public art
Staff reported to the Commission the style of landscaping that has been proposed by the City's Park Services to place around the Central Obelisk.
- F. Art Signage
The Commission would like to place visual signage in front of the sculptures to deter people from touching and climbing on the artwork. Staff will provide some samples for consideration at the August meeting.
- G. Proclamations and recognitions
City Council and Staff are working on the criteria to follow to formalize the recognition of donations throughout the City.
- H. Metro Art Program
Metro representatives have informed us that they are going to require 1-2 Beverly Hills City art professionals to assist with the art panel that will select the artist for the Beverly Hills subway station. There will be a call for artists and this panel will review all art submissions. The Metro representative will hopefully present this project to the Commission in the August or September meeting and they will provide the criteria to qualify to be in this art panel.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
The Mayor's Cabinet notes were included in the packet.
- B. Ad Hoc Committees
The Commission proposed to create two new committees, eliminated two, and restructured all assignments.
 - Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Kaye, Rubins)
 - Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
 - Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
 - BHUSD Arts Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)
 - Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller)
 - Donated and Loaned Art (Smooke, Vahn)
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
The Commission shared the article "Real Estate for the 1 Percent, With Art for the Masses" that was published in the New York Times.
The Commission inquired about the possibility of getting a subscription or license to access artnet.com. Staff confirmed that they are costly. Staff also informed that the Beverly Public Library has licensing to access this database, and the librarians provide research for the Commission as needed, not only through

artnet.com but through the multiple art databases and other art resources available through the library's collection.

The Commission shared information about an Anthony Pearson sculpture available at the Marianne Boesky Gallery for \$75,000.

The Commission shared information provided by former Commissioner Nan Corman, in regards to Bruce Munro sculptures.

The Commission also shared an article published in Los Angeles Business Journal titled "L.A. Developers Take Part in Giving to Public Art."

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Upcoming events
None
- Commission calendar / scheduling
None
- Information only items
None
- Other Items
None

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 21, 2016 / 5:42 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this _18th_ day of _August____, 2016.



Alan Kaye, Chairperson