



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 18, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: August 18, 2016 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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. Item 2 was taken out of order and moved to be third item discussed in this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2016.

Motion:	MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to approve the amended minutes (4-0).
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AYES:	Commissioners Vahn, Rubins, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye,
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Commissioner Smooke
<u>CARRIED</u>	

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Overview of the Arts Program for the Wilshire/La Cienega Station of the Purple Line Extension
Susan Gray, Creative Services Manager for the Metropolitan County Transportation Authority provided an overview of the Arts Program for the Wilshire/La Cienega Station of Purple Line Extension Project.
Ms. Gray also reviewed the selection process for City representation on the Metro Art Committee.
The Commission asked Staff to promote this opportunity with former Fine Art Commissioners. The Commission will select a primary representative and an alternate to serve on this Committee in the September meeting.
3. Burton Way Green Streets Project Update
Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager, provided an update on the Burton Way Median Green Streets project.
4. Tom Friedman Liaison Meeting Update
The acquisition of the commissioned sculpture *Take Away* by Tom Friedman was brought before the City Council Liaison on August 11th. The approved location for this sculpture installation was the general focus of discussion.
Councilmembers and Commissioners expressed general support of the proposed sculpture and location for installation, pending further review and approval by City Council.
5. Web Page Submission/Priority Exercise
Staff updated the Commission in regards to the changes that have been implemented in the Web Page Submission Form.
The Commission set November 1, 2016 as the deadline for all submissions for this year's Priority Exercise. The Commission will hold the Priority Exercise and selection during the December meeting.
The Commission also asked Staff to promote this opportunity with former Team BH and former Fine Art Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Stephanie Barron Presentation
Stephanie Barron, Senior Curator, Department of Modern Art at LACMA, addressed the Commission on the City's current Fine Art collection, ideas for future acquisitions and the role of Public Art collections.
The Commission was very appreciative of Ms. Barron's feedback and advice.

7. Proposed Donation from Karl Lagasse

The Commission revised the information for the proposed art donation by Karl Lagasse. This item was tabled to the September meeting to allow more time to research this artist's work before the Commission makes a final decision.

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 look into the Louis Vuitton obligation.

B. Developer Owned Art

Staff reported that the second mailing of covenant letters was mailed at the beginning of August.

C. Kusama fencing

Staff reported that the fence's top bar and cables have been installed. The fence is only missing the epoxy that will be poured over the bolts on the footings. Inspection will be scheduled sometime next week.

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

Staff reported that the first installment of the payment was wired. The piece will be shipped soon.

E. Proposed Loan on Hilgemann Sculpture

Staff informed the Commission that the owner of this sculpture will walk through the proposed locations for installation of this prospective loan.

F. Art Signage

Staff showed to the Commission samples of Art Signage to deter people from climbing on the sculptures. The Commission asked for a copy of the signage that is displayed by the Beverly Hills sign and to perhaps mimic the same style. The Commission also asked for samples of Instagram signage to be display next to the art sculptures.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

The Mayor's Cabinet notes were included in the packet.

The Chair reported in regards to the Pet Alert program. He also reported that Human Relations is accepting nominations for the Embrace Civility 2016 Awards.

B. Ad Hoc Committees

The Commission discussed the need to agendize the newly established Fine Art Program Development as an item in the next meeting to explore and discuss possibilities.

- 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.

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 18, 2016 / 5:47 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this _15th_ day of _September____, 2016.



Alan Kaye, Chairperson