



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, October 20, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: October 20, 2016 / 4:03pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Vahn, Commissioner Rubins, Commissioner Smooke, Vice Chair Hiller, Chair Kaye
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Brad Meyerowitz, Gisele Grable, 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.

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

Commissioner Vahn arrived at 4:14pm

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2016.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Green Streets and Water Efficient Landscape Project on Burton Way Median
Josette Descalzo, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager, provided an update, and next steps on the Burton Way Median Green Streets project.
3. Art Signage
Per request of the Commission, Staff presented additional renderings of possible visual signs to deter the public from climbing on the sculptures.
The Commission discussed different possibilities, and asked Staff to bring to the next meeting a rendering of a city sign following the same design as a park sign from the City of Chicago.
4. Metro Purple Line Arts Program and Art Panel
Commissioner Vahn gave an update on the Metro's Purple Line Family Workshop that took place on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at the Craft and Folk Art Museum.
Staff gave an update on the Metro Art Panel representing Beverly Hills.
5. Stephanie Barron Follow-Up Discussion
The Commission brought this item back for further discussion with all Commissioners in attendance. The Commission found Ms. Barron's input very valuable, and they are very grateful for Ms. Barron's contribution and advice.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Anne Ellegood Presentation
Anne Ellegood, Senior Curator at the Hammer Museum, gave an overview of different styles of public art and its interaction within the community. Ms. Ellegood also addressed the Commission on the City's current Fine Art collection, and ideas for future acquisitions.
The Commission was very appreciative of Ms. Ellegood's feedback and suggestions.

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. Kusama Update
The construction fence was removed on September 27. Staff is consulting with the City Attorney's office regarding the issue of reappearing cracks on the sculpture. Rosa Lowing and Associates is continuing to research possible factors related to the cracking as well.
 - C. Update on William Kentridge *World On Its Hind Legs*
The sculpture has arrived and staff inspected the piece on October 12. Staff is coordinating the logistics of the installation of the piece. Representatives of the

artist will be flying in from South Africa to oversee the installation. The installation dates have not been established.

D. Tom Friedman Commission

At the October 4 Study Session, City Council unanimously approved the purchase of *Takeaway*. Staff will work with the Gallery and the City Attorney's office in developing the Agreement for the acquisition of the piece.

E. Gagosian Gallery Update

Staff met with representatives of the Gallery on September 29. The Gallery will be submitting a proposal to the Commission for the purchase of Richard Serra's *Twins*, currently on loan to the City. In addition to the proposal for purchase, it is anticipated that the Gallery will be submitting a formal request to extend the loan of *Twins* for an additional year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Notes from the September Mayor's Cabinet will be included in the November packet.

B. Ad Hoc Committees

The Fine Art Program Development Ad Hoc Committee reported that they have reached out to MOCA, and they have coordinated to have its director, Philippe Verne, present to the Commission in the November meeting.

The Donations and Loaned Art Ad Hoc Committee presented to the Commission 3 proposals that were brought forward for donation. The Commission reviewed the proposals, and agreed that these proposed donations did not meet the criteria for Fine Art as stated in the Fine Art Ordinance and therefore, they could not accept them. The Commission was very appreciative for the kind offers.

- BHUSD Arts Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)
- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller)
- Donations and Loaned Art (Smooke, Vahn)

C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

Commissioner Smooke shared with the Commission the Beyond Limits Sotheby's catalog of sculpture.

Chair Kaye shared a presentation of work by artist Eric Powell and thanked the artist for reaching out to the Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

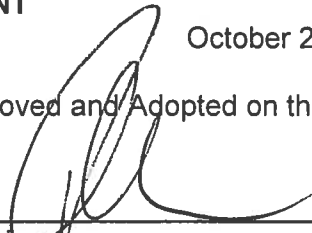
9. FAC Upcoming Meeting

The Commission will review the meeting schedule in the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: October 20, 2016 / 5:56 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 20th day of October, 2016.



Alan Kaye, Chairperson