



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

FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 17, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

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

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, Patty Acuña, Stephanie Harris, 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.

Charlene Huston, resident of Beverly Hills, spoke about the Art for Consideration submission process. She also provided 2 books about the artist that she brought forward through her submission.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2016.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. 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 would like to explore other sign designs. Staff will bring revised renderings to the December meeting.

3. Kusama Update

Staff reported in regards to the meeting that Staff had with Rosa Lowinger to discuss the new damage that has occurred in the Kusama piece after the sculpture was unwrapped post restoration. Staff will procure letter or email from City Attorney's Office to address in writing this issue to the artist studio and fabricator. The Commission wants this issue to be resolved before the warranty of the sculpture expires on September 2017.

4. Community Development Update

This item was tabled to be discussed in the next meeting.

5. Gagosian Gallery- Richard Serra Sculptures

Staff reported that on December 5th they will present Gagosian's request of extension for this sculpture's loan agreement to City Council. Chair Kaye and Vice Chair Hiller met with Staff and Gagosian representatives on November 8th. Gagosian Gallery has the sculpture currently on consignment, and has presented to the Fine Art Commission the possibility of purchase of the Serra Sculpture *Twins*, that is currently installed in front of City Hall. . The Fine Art Fund does not have sufficient monies to support this potential acquisition. Staff will schedule a FAC/CC liaison meeting to discuss this item and report back to the Commission if there is interest from the City to pursue this purchase and to also discuss the best way to fund such potential acquisition.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Philippe Vergne Presentation

Philippe Vergne, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (MOCA), addressed the Commission on several topics including the role of Public Art and ideas for future acquisitions.

The Commission was very appreciative of Mr. Vergne's feedback and suggestions.

7. Developer Agreements

The Commission had consensus in bringing to the FAC/CC Liaison the possibility to ask that if there are additional funds coming to the City from the big projects to ask if it is possible to allocate part of this funds for Public Art.

The Commission also wants to be included or be given notice when developer agreements are being negotiated, to ensure that Fine Art Obligation funds are assigned accordingly.

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.
 - B. Update on William Kentridge *World On Its Hind Legs*
The installation design/plans are currently being reviewed by the City architect and Structural Engineer.
 - C. Tom Friedman Commission
Staff has had initial discussions with the Gallery regarding language to be included in the Agreement. Staff will be working with the City Attorney's office in developing the Agreement for the acquisition of the piece.
 - D. Website Link to FAC Speaker Presentations
Staff is working with the City's Cable TV Division to extract the speaker presentations, which will then be placed on the City's Website.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
There was no Mayor's Cabinet in October. Notes from the September Mayor's Cabinet were included in the packet.
- B. Ad Hoc Committees
The Fine Art Program Development Ad Hoc Committee reported that Jessica Cusick, Art Consultant, will present to the Commission in the February 2017 meeting.

The BHUSD Arts Liaison have set up a meeting for November 30th. They asked the Commission to forward questions that would like to be addressed at this meeting.

- 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)
- Big Picture Project (Kaye, Smooke)
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
Commissioner Smooke shared with the Commission the new Carol Bove book and informed about the artist's current exhibitions and value increase of her work.

Staff informed the Commission about the Shop Small event on Saturday, December 3, 2017 to invite residents to shop locally. There will be several events to promote this initiative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

10. FAC Upcoming Meeting

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 17, 2016 / 6:29 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15th day of December, 2016.



Alan Kaye, Chairperson