



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**FINE ART COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, April 18, 2017  
4:00pm

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: April 18, 2017 / 4:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Gisele Grable, Patty Acuña, 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 moved to the end of the meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2017.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller that we approved the minutes with the corrections stated (4-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 2. Kusama Update

Staff reported that Ota Studio is willing to work with the Commission and perhaps refabricate the piece. Ironwood has indicated that they are willing to extend the warranty for a year. The Commission requested to engage the services of Rosa Lowinger to help determine next steps. The Commission also requested to work with Ironwood and clarify what is that they are offering, and to also clarify with Ota Studio what they are intending to do.

### 3. Big Picture Project

The Commission discussed possible ways to integrate the expertise and advice of the art speakers who presented to the Commission through this past year, towards the future art selection by the Commission.

### 4. Bove Update

Staff informed that they had a conference call with the Gallery trying to resolve the ongoing restauration issue. The Gallery has indicated that they are no longer interested in restoring the piece. They've suggested that we send the piece back to them and they would retain \$30,000 of the cost for shipping and crating. They don't consider the current location suitable for the art piece. The Commission wishes to keep the piece in the City. The Commission recommended that we reduce the piece by the cost of the restauration that the City will incur. The Commission also discussed the possibility of landscaping around the piece for protection purposes, and also to consider relocating the piece to another location.

Motion:                      MOVED by Chair Kaye, SECONDED by Commissioner Vahn to firm up the price to restore the piece, and to offer the Gallery the difference between the price to repairing it and paying them the balance in full. (5-0).

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

NOES:                        None

ABSENT:

CARRIED

### 5. BHUSD Arts Liaison

The Ad Hoc Committee informed Staff that the name for this Ad Hoc is the Education Liaison. The Ad Hoc reported that they are proposing a bi-annual speaker series, panel discussion type with Q&A's from the audience, to promote the Commission's mission as well as create greater community and school involvement with the City's art collection. The Commission and Staff discussed how to utilize City resources and Community resources to support this project along with logistics and possible topics.

### 6. Priority Setting

The Commission selected the items to prioritize and to be included in the May agenda.

## NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Metro's Purple Line Arts Program Update

Staff reported that Commissioner Vahn and former Commissioner Pressman and Staff will meet with Metro representatives and the Beverly Hills Teen Advisory to define the upcoming Metro Art Workshop.

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

8. Director's Report

- Information only items

Staff introduced Pam Shinault, Assistant Director to Community Services.

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Fine Art Fund Reports were included in the packet.

B. Tom Friedman Commission

The City's draft response on the Tom Friedman Commission was sent to the Gallery.

C. William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*

Staff reported that the base has been poured for the piece and the fence is up. Staff is finalizing all of the details related to the installation of the piece. Staff will go to the Council meeting on 4/20 to ask for an additional appropriation.

D. Public Art Archive

Staff reported that City Attorney's Office has recommended that City Council review and approve entering into the licensing agreement with the Public Art Archive.

E. Draft of April FAC Agenda

As part of our commission standardization process, the Commission was asked to identify the agenda items to be heard at the May 2017 meeting.

F. Visit to the Marciano art collection

Staff reminded to the Commission that this visit was a social event and no Commission related business could be discussed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

9. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

B. Ad Hoc Committees

- Education Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)
- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
- Donations and Loaned Art (Smooke, Vahn)
- Big Picture Project (Kaye, Smooke)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller) – Currently on hold

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

10. FAC Upcoming Meetings

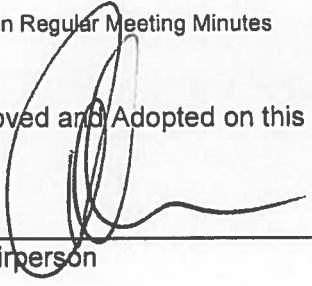
The Commission will review the upcoming dates in the next Commission meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: April 18, 2017 / 5:45pm

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PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



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Alan Kaye, Chairperson