



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 21, 2018
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: June 21, 2018 / 4:04pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins, Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Pam Shinault, Patty Acuna, 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.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2018.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Rubins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17. (4/0)

AYES: Vahn, Hiller, Rubins, Smooke
NOES: None
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN: Kaye
CARRIED:

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Bove Raising Update

Staff reported to the Commission that the Liaisons chose the rendering reflecting the bow tie shape with wide center to surround the sculpture. The Liaisons also gave direction to staff to add flowers to the landscaping rendering to further protect the sculpture from people stepping and climbing on it. The Commission preferred the triangle shape and no flowers but they decided to compromise and follow the Liaison's direction. The Commission also discussed the possibility to replace the DG and the mulch surrounding all the art pieces, and to replace it with simple green ground covering, similar to the Bove to give continuity throughout the park.

Staff will share the Commission's comments along with the Liaison's recommendations when this item is presented in the City Council session. The Commission requested that Staff inform City Council that the Commission did not know any cost involved for this project when they made this recommendation, and that the sculpture's artist likes something more austere surrounding the piece.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Vahn to landscape with the 1 foot high ceanothus and the 1 foot high pedestals for the Bove. (5/0)

AYES: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins, Smooke
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED:

3. Cultural Arts

Staff met for a second time with Karen Constine, the consultant that prepared the cultural arts plan in 2009, She is putting together a scope of work for the expansion of the commission's purvey as well as visions and goals for the Cultural Arts component. Next step will be to meet with the Cultural Arts Subcommittee which consists of 2 Council Liaison, 2 Recreation and Parks Liaison, and 2 Fine Art Commission Liaison.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. 2018 Conflict of Interest

The Commission reviewed the Conflict of Interest Code 2018.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Kaye to accept Conflict of Interest Code 2018. (5/0)

AYES Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins, Smooke
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

5. Director's Report

- Information only items:

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Information was provided in packet. The Commission asked Staff to highlight in the reports the most current fund entries.

B. Tom Friedman Update

Staff has worked with the gallery to identify an installation date for this art piece, October 2018 is the tentative date. The engineering drawings are ready, and they are finalizing some details for the fabrication drawings and the platform drawings. Public Works is helping with the review of drawings and with the permits for this project.

C. Fletcher Benton Status Report

The sculpture has been installed. The dedication for this art piece will take place on July 17th at 1pm.

D. Kusama Warranty Extension and Engineering Study Update

Staff has been working with Ironwood on procuring the engineering study. The Kusama warranty extension will be presented to City Council on July 17th.

E. Council Priorities for FY 18/19

Staff included in the packet the priorities proposed by the Commission and approved by City Council as part of the budget session.

F. Carl Milles Referral for Future Review and Purchase Consideration

Councilmember Mirisch asked that the Commission looks at the work of artist Carl Milles and perhaps consider his work for the upcoming priority exercise. Commissioner Vahn and Hiller will look at potential pieces from this artist for consideration by the Commission.

G. Art Signage Update

Staff reported that the new art signage has been installed by the identified sculptures at Beverly Gardens Park. The Commission preferred the art signage to be installed away from the platform of the sculptures and they agreed to have 1 sign installed per sculpture, except the Bove which will have 2 signs installed. The Commission also requested to remove the old do not touch signs installed by Kusama. A discussion took place about ideal placement site for the Tony Smith sculpture plaque.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Vahn to put it (*the plaque*) back where it belongs in front of the Tony Smith (*sculpture*). (5/0)

AYES Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins, Smpoke

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

H. Active Shooter Training – informational flyer

The Commission reviewed the provided active shooter handout. The Commission will practice after adjournment of a future meeting on how to respond in the event of this situation taking place while a Commission meeting is taking place.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

6. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

The Mayor's Cabinet meetings are now recorded and can be viewed in the City's website at:

www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/mayorandcouncilmembers/mayorscabinetmeetings/

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 (Hiller, Vahn)

This Ad Hoc has reviewed an art loan proposal by artist Lionel Smit that was sent for Commission consideration. This artist qualifies as a Fine Art artist.

The Ad Hoc will inquire about the dimensions of the piece, period of time proposed for this loan and will bring this item to the Commission for consideration once they receive the mentioned additional information.

- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Cultural Arts Commission options (Rubins, Kaye)

The Commission discussed the Jose Davila art piece and the display of this art piece at its new location in Los Angeles.

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

The Commission requested for Staff to see if it is possible that Commissioner Kaye stays in the Commission until his replacement is recruited. Staff confirmed that Commissioners could stay in the Commission for as long as he is residing in Beverly Hills. Staff will find out if the City could recruit a replacement Fine Art Commissioner before the January standard commission recruitment time.

7. Priority Setting

The Commission reviewed the list of Fine Art Commission priorities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. FAC Upcoming Meetings

Commission dates available in the packet and on the City's website.

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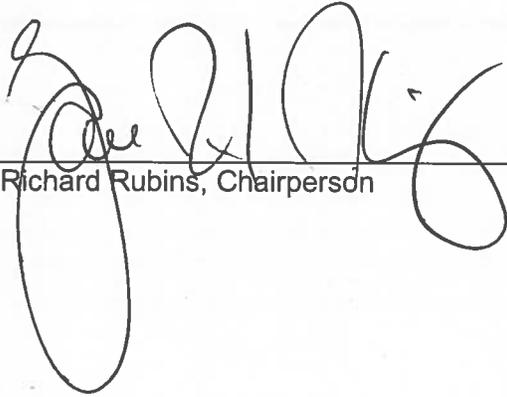
The Commission thanked Chair Smooke for his service as Chair. Chair Smooke has done an admirable job leading the Commission and it has been a treat working with him. Chair Smooke thanked Staff for their work and also thanked his fellow Commissioners for volunteering and enthusiastically donating their expertise to beautify and invigorate the City. He also thanked Vice Chair Rubins for being his partner as Vice Chair during this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

June 21, 2018 / 5:02pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 19th day of July 2018.

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Zale Richard Rubins, Chairperson