



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, March 16, 2017
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: March 16, 2017 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Smooke

Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Gisele Grable, Patty Acufia, 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 2 was moved to be the first item discussed, followed by item 6. Item 7 was moved to 5pm and Item 5 to the end of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to accept the minutes from the last meeting as amended (4-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Chair Smooke

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama Update

Staff reported that they have continued working with the City Attorney's Office in resolving the ongoing issues with the Kusama sculpture. Staff has reached out to Ota Studios multiple times since January 2017 but the studio has not responded.

Susan Gersh, former Fine Art Commissioner and current Recreation and Parks Commissioner, addressed the Commission to inform them that due to her contacts with the Zwirner Gallery a representative of the Gallery had offered to reach out to Mr. Ota on her upcoming trip to Japan on behalf of the City. The Commission accepted this generous offer and are very appreciative of the offer to reach out by the Zwirner Gallery and they thanked Commissioner Gersh for her help. The Commission had asked Staff to seek outside counsel on this situation.

3. Art Signage

Staff presented renderings of the proposed art signage, its wording and positioning of the signage around the sculptures. Staff will provide a sample of the proposed art sign for the April meeting.

4. City Website Updates

Following up on the Commission's suggestion, staff has added to the Fine Art webpage a link to the Charitable Foundation that will allow donations for the Public Art Program. The Commission asked staff to review the wording for the pieces donated to the City and ensure acknowledgement on City website.

5. Priority Setting

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

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Jessica Cusick Presentation

Jessica Cusick, President of Cusick Consulting addressed the Commission on the role of Public Art and gave an overview of Glow a unique, all-night art event that the City of Santa Monica hosted for multiple years.

The Commission was very appreciative of Ms. Cusick's ideas and presentation.

7. Water Conservation Update

Debby Figoni, Water Conservation Administrator for the City provided an update on water conservation in Beverly Hills.

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. Proposed Acquisition of Lichtenstein

The City will not be able to acquire the Lichtenstein piece at this time.

C. Tom Friedman Commission

Staff reported on the status of this agreement and on the input by the City Attorney's Office. The Gallery has requested substantive changes to the City's standard agreement.

D. William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*

Staff has received revised costs for the installation of the Kentridge, which were shared with the Commission. The base for the piece will be poured over the next month.

- E. Bove Update
Staff will follow up with the Gallery during the upcoming weeks.
- F. Art Protection in Beverly Gardens Park
Staff reached out to Rosa Lowinger in regards to the art protection in Beverly Garden Park and requested her advice on the best way to minimize the effects of the construction on the public art. RLA crew will clean the artwork in regular basis to ensure proper care and avoid debris build up.
- G. Public Art Archive
Staff provided information on the Public Art Archive and the legal and technical requirements for putting the City's art collection into the Archive.
- H. 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 April 2017 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- B. Ad Hoc Committees

The BHUSD Arts Liaison reported that they had a second meeting with the Liaison. They would like to have a roundtable conversation - speaker series in October. The Commission requested for this item to be discussed at length at the next meeting.

The Big Picture Project Ad Hoc requested to agendize this item in next month's meeting. The Commission requested that Staff provides to the whole Commission the flash drive containing all the submissions that were reviewed by the Website Submission for Priority Exercise Ad Hoc Committee.

- BHUSD Arts 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: March 16, 2017 / 6:15pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 18th day of April, 2017.



Alan Kaye, Chairperson