



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

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

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: February 16, 2017 / 4:04pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Vahn, Commissioner Smooke, Vice Chair Hiller, Chair Kaye
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rubins
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, 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.

Susan Strauss, Board Member of the Wallis, expressed thanks personally and on behalf of the Wallis to the Fine Art Commission for making the efforts to try to keep the Lichtenstein for the City.

Scott Froschauer introduced himself to the Commission. He is a local artist and art fabricator. He reconstructs street and traffic signs with positive affirmations. He will contact Staff and send an art proposal for consideration.

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 4 was taken out of order and moved to be the last item discussed in this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2017.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hiller, SECONDED by Commissioner Vahn to approve the minutes subject to a correction (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Vahn, Smooke, Vice Chair Hiller, Chair
Kaye
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rubins
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Proposed Acquisition of Lichtenstein

With the permission of the Commission, Chair Kaye made an offer to the Lichtenstein Foundation to negotiate the potential acquisition of the Lichtenstein. That offer was not accepted. The Commission thanked Diane Rosenstein for her efforts.

The Commission had consensus not to pursue further the purchase of the Lichtenstein nor the Serra.

3. Kusama Update

Staff reported that an email and a formal certified letter had been sent to Ota Studios, asking them for help in resolving the issues with the Kusama sculpture. The studio has received the letter but they have not yet responded. Staff will continue reaching out to the Studio.

Staff also reported feedback from City Attorney's Office and Risk Management's Office, in regards to the issues with this sculpture.

The Commission inquired about the possibility to cover and protect all sculptures in Beverly Gardens Park from being exposed to dust and debris from the construction project on Santa Monica Blvd.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Priority Setting

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

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

5. Director's Report

- Information only items

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Fine Art Fund Reports were included in the packet.

B. Tom Friedman Commission

Staff reported on the status of this agreement, as well as on the input by the City Attorney's Office. It should be noted that the Gallery has requested substantive changes to the City's standard agreement. Staff is meeting with City Attorney's Office to review all these changes.

C. William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*

Staff has received revised costs for the installation of the Kentridge, which were shared with the Commission along with logistic updates for this installation. The piece is currently slated to be installed in April.

- D. Bove Update
Staff is reaching out to the Gallery to get confirmation that the piece will be restored, not just cleaned by the vendor that they recommended to provide maintenance treatment for this piece.
- E. FAC Speaker Presentations
Staff issued a press release regarding the availability of the speaker videos on the web site. Additionally, the web page has been updated with the photos of the speakers next to the link to their presentations.
- F. Guy Dill
Staff provided an update on the status of the Guy Dill's piece, *Egalmah the Great Palace*, which was donated to the City back in the early 2000's and has been stored up at one of the reservoirs since.
- G. Draft of March FAC Agenda
As part of our commission standardization process, the Commission was asked to identify the agenda items to be heard at the March 2017 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

6. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
The Mayor's Cabinet Notes were included in the packet.
- B. Ad Hoc Committees
The BHUSD Arts Liaison reported that they will be meeting with BHUSD the last week of February. The liaison gave an update on the project ideas that have been proposed by the Liaison.
The Fine Art Program Development Liaison confirmed that Jessica Cusick will present to the Commission on March.
The Donations and Loaned Art Liaison is trying to coordinate a site visit with Jamie McCourt to consider possible locations for installation of the sculpture *Triple* by Hilgemann.
The Big Picture Project Liaison will meet to see if one the local museums could work with the Commission on the selection process of artwork.
 - 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)
 - Richard Serra/Lichtenstein (Kaye/Hiller)
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

The Commission encourages all residents to share their ideas with the Metro Committee to reflect the City's identity and history in the Beverly Hills Metro Stations.
Staff informed that City Council is considering adding an art and cultural affairs component to one of the existing Commissions. This item will be discussed in the next City Council meeting.

Vice Chair Hiller stepped down out of the rotation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

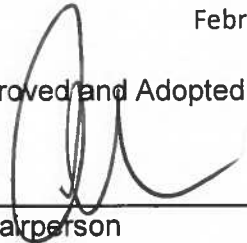
7. FAC Upcoming Meetings

The Commission will decide later in the year if they will change the December meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 16, 2017 / 5:11pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 16th day of March, 2017.



Alan Kaye, Chairperson