



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Fine Art Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, August 28, 2017
3:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: August 28, 2017 / 4:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Bosse, Councilmember Mirisch, Fine Art Commission Chair Michael Smooke, Fine Art Commission Vice Chair Zale Richard Rubins, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Community Services Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Community Services Assistant Director Pam Shinault, Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable, Assistant City Attorney Deborah Hackman, Senior Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna, Senior Management Analyst Stephanie Harris, Executive Assistant III Aida Thau

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None.

2) CULTURAL ART COMMISSION

City staff and the Liaisons discussed possible ways to incorporate a cultural art component to the Fine Art Commission's charge. The Fine Art Liaisons asked that education outreach about the collection is included to the purview of the Fine Art Commission when revisions are made. Also there was discussion about creating a committee to take on this role. Staff provided a comparison report on cultural arts in other cities. The Council Liaisons requested that this item comes back to them at a later date for final recommendation.

3) PROPOSED DONATION OF ART PIECE BY MARLENE LOUCHHEIM

City Staff presented to the Liaison the proposal of art donation by artist Marlene Louchheim. Staff reported that the Fine Art Commission did not feel that the donation meets the criteria of the Fine Art Ordinance and they would like to present this donation to the City outside of the requirements of the Fine Art Ordinance. The Council Liaisons reminded staff that for a piece of art to come to the Liaisons for consideration it needs to be accepted first by the Fine Art Commission by vote. This art piece was not supported by vote, therefore the Liaisons were unable to consider this donation.

4) BOVE UPDATE

City staff reported that the recently acquired sculpture from artist Carol Bove that is installed in Beverly Gardens Park shows substantial scratches caused by people interaction with the piece. Staff requested to the gallery the possibility of a different type of finishing for this sculpture that would sustain better the interaction with the public to resolve current and future maintenance issues of the piece. The Gallery has not yet provided a response. The Fine Art Commission feels that it is important to keep the piece

of this artist in the City collection. City staff and the Liaisons discussed possible ways to protect the piece.

5) KUSAMA UPDATE

Staff contacted the fabricator of the piece and he has provided a written statement on how to reconstruct the piece. The City Council Liaison would prefer to pursue re-fabrication of the Kusama piece by the original artist in Japan.

6) TOM FRIEDMAN COMMISSION

City Staff reported that the Friedman sculpture is still in negotiations. Staff detailed the important points lacking agreement. City Council Liaison gave Staff direction to contact the Gallery and request to agree to City terms in the agreement, or the City will have to move forward to pursue a different artist for art acquisition.

7) PUBLIC ART ARCHIEVE

City Staff brought more information in regards to this website and the public art images that the City would publish on it. The City Council Liaison requested that this item comes back with more specifics to clarify this potential agreement in regards to copy rights and City rights.

8) ADJOURNMENT

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