



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 15, 2018
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: March 15, 2018 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Vahn led the Pledge of Allegiance

CIVILITY STATEMENT Vice Chair Rubins read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Chair Smooke

Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Linda Kyriazi

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 Vice Chair, the agenda was approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2018.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Vahn to approve the Meeting Minutes. (4/0)

AYES: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins

NOES: None

ABSENT: Smooke

CARRIED:

2. Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 15, 2018.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Hiller to approve the Meeting Minutes. (4/0)

AYES: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins

NOES: None

ABSENT: Smooke

CARRIED:

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Kusama Update

Vice Chair Rubins updated the Commission on the meetings that took place to discuss this item with the City Attorney and with the sculpture fabricator. The Commission discussed the different possibilities to approach restoration or re-fabrication of this piece.

Christina Varvi from RLA addressed the Commission and answered their questions in regards to the restoration of the piece, materials and finishes considered for re-fabrication and potential overview of the fabrication proposal.

The Commission decided that a follow up meeting with the fabricator should take place to clarify the projected costs and the value of his warranty and to clarify what would be his role in case that the piece is re-fabricated in metal instead of restored.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Canon / Wilshire

Community Services Director, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, informed the Commission on the 160 N. Canon/9399 Wilshire Blvd. property request to place the sculpture installed in this property in storage. They have condemned a temporary construction easement on this property for the Metro Project, and the MTA will be using the site as construction lay down for approximately 10 years.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Hiller: that the Commission adheres to Staff recommendation on the Hilgemann sculpture on 9399 Wilshire Blvd with the conditions of insurance and that we know what happens with the property. (4/0)

AYES: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins

NOES: None

ABSENT: Smooke

PASSED:

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

5. Director's Report

- Information only items:

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Information provided in packet.

B. Tom Friedman Update

The gallery is working on providing the engineering drawings. As soon as we receive the engineering drawings, the City will process payment for the sculpture and fabrication of the piece will begin. Staff discussed with the gallery the possibility to provide lighting for this piece once it is installed. The artist agreed to provide consulting for the lighting even though he doesn't include lighting for his art pieces. There was agreement that the lighting will be a City cost.

- C. Jose Davila Update
Staff checked with the representative from the gallery and they have approved our request to seal the piece to avoid the surface staining people's clothes when interacting with the art piece. The sealing test will take place once we have 48 consecutive hours with no rain. The Commission reminded Staff of their request for a press release to be distributed to the community informing them about this installation.
- D. Fletcher Benton Status Report
The engineering drawings have been completed. They are being double checked for accuracy. They will be sent to procure estimates from constructors and we will provide those estimates to the Mr. Louchheim for approval to proceed with the installation.
- E. Preliminary Update on Cultural Arts
Staff is coordinating a meeting with the Liaisons and will report to the Commission at the next FAC meeting.

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)

Commissioner Hiller followed up in regards to the possibility of publish the City Art Collection in the website Public Art Archive. Staff reported that the City Attorney's office was not comfortable with this website's licensing terms. The Commission requested to reach out to Public Art Archive and see if they can accept the City's licensing terms.

- Donations and Loaned Art (Hiller, Vahn)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Cultural Arts Commission options (Rubins, Kaye)

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

7. Priority Setting

The Commission inquired about the possibility to proceed with the Priority Exercise in the near future and the possibility to add staff resources to support the Fine Art Commission. Staff will be able to confirm bandwidth once the City Council's direction of the Cultural and Arts programming proposal is confirmed at the next CC/FAC Liaison meeting.

Purchase of New Art: The Commission inquired why it is unable to select new art or include the topic on the Commission Agenda. The purchase of new art has not been discussed since Commissioner Vahn joined the Commission in July of 2016 even though a substantial amount of funds is available for that purpose.

Staff explained that:

- 1) New art via loan and gift have been installed/worked on including the Benton, Davy and Davila. The installation of loaned/donated art is as time consuming to staff as the installation of newly purchased art.
- 2) Staff is spread thin since the Recreation Supervisor position was eliminated years ago and because the remaining team is responsible for the Library, Social Services, Parks, Fine Art, as Liaison for the JPA and more.
- 3) The added expectation of the Commission to expand its purview to include Cultural Arts gives staff the hope that additional resources/staff might be added for the next fiscal year.

Commissioners Vahn and Kaye complained that the additional duties of the Commission will be more than offset by the addition of a new staff person and asked what the Commission members could do to better communicate the problem to our Council Liaisons.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. FAC Upcoming Meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 15, 2018 / 5:34pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 17th day of May 2018.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson