



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
Monday, November 16, 2017
2:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: November 16, 2017 / 2:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Kaye led the Pledge of Allegiance

CIVILITY STATEMENT Chair Smooke read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kaye, Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins, Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: Hiller
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Gisele Grable, Patty Acuña, 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.

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular meeting of October 19, 2017.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Rubins to approve the Meeting Minutes with noted corrections. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama Update

Chair Smooke updated the Commission:

- From his recent trip to New York, he saw a number of Kusama pieces in galleries and at auction; a number of flower pieces at high prices, which is an additional cause to preserve the City's Kusama flower piece.

Director of Community Services, Nancy Hunt-Coffey

- Distributed the work compiled by Vice Chair Rubins

Vice Chair Rubins provided his comments on the Kusama issues:

- Decisions and choices need to be made on the deterioration of the Kusama piece in addition to a new location.
- A supply house was contacted who asked if the piece was protected and referred a restorer. Architectural Fiberglass was contacted. A gloss finish would be more resistant to the elements. Huntsman Advanced Materials was then contacted who advised to contact one of their distributors as their sales staff are chemists. They suggested contacting RevChem whose staff additionally had chemical backgrounds. They additionally suggested the gloss finish yet the piece is still outside and unprotected.

After a discussion, it was agreed that staff would try to schedule a meeting with the already known participants. Prior to that meeting being scheduled, the Ad hoc Committee will have scheduled a meeting with a group of independents so they can bring that information into the meeting with Ralph from Ironwood and Rosa Lowinger, the City's Art Conservationist.

3. Proposal of Art Donation of Fletcher Benton

Director of Community Services, Nancy Hunt-Coffey updated the Commission on the liaison meeting that was held on Monday, November 13, 2017. This item will be on the City Council agenda for next Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Study Session at 2:30 p.m.

Commissioner Vahn reported that the liaisons were excited about the piece, supported the Burton Way location and the donor will be repainting the piece.

MOTION by Smooke, SECONDED by Kaye to position the Fletcher Benton sculpture on the Burton Way median in accordance with the aerial photograph of Burton Way 71 feet from the Palm trees. (4/0)

AYES: Kaye, Vahn, Rubins, Smooke

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hiller

PASSED:

The Commission thanked the donor for providing the City with the piece.

4. Location of loan by artist Jose Dávila

The loan by artist Jose Dávila was additionally discussed at the liaison meeting that was held on Monday, November 13, 2017.

Commissioner Vahn reported that Mayor Bosse was excited about the City of Beverly Hills participating in the Pacific Standard Time art event. Photos were provided of the artist's rendering of what the piece would look like in various grassy locations along Crescent Drive.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Vahn to accept the presented location along Crescent Drive and to present to the City Council. (4/0)

AYES: Kaye, Vahn, Rubins, Smooke
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hiller
PASSED:

This item will additionally be on the City Council agenda for next Tuesday, November 21, 2017, Study Session at 2:30 p.m.

5. Ringo Starr Donation Request for reconsideration

Staff has received a request for reconsideration of the donation of *Peace and Love* by Ringo Starr. Staff has explained that the window to file a formal request for reconsideration with City Council has passed. This window is 14 days after the Commission recommendation. As a result, this is an informal request to reconsider accepting the donation of this piece.

Commissioner Kaye recommended that if there is additional information to please put it in writing and provide it to the Fine Art Ad Hoc Committee.

6. Art Signage

Senior Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna presented new versions of signage that includes verbiage about video surveillance.

The Commission recommended suggestions and staff will return with those changes to the signage.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Proposal to use pour in place material around art pieces

Senior Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna provided samples of pour in place products and additional information about use of product around artwork.

Commissioner Kaye requested staff provide the cost of planting and drip irrigation. Staff will speak to Landscape Architects who have been working on the project to provide some planting options including hard surfaces outside of concrete.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

8. Director's Report

- Information only items:

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable updated the Commission on the Fine Art Fund updates

B. Tom Friedman Commission

The final draft was provided to staff last week. Staff reviewed and noted minor issues. To date, staff has not received the final version.

C. Lighting Update (Sisphus & WOHL)

Lighting was delayed due to the location of the Fletcher Benton piece. Now that it has been approved, trenching can begin and lighting installed for both Sisyphus & WOHL.

D. Cultural Arts

Assistant Director of Community Services Pan Shinault updated the Commission on City Council's direction of the Cultural and Arts programming proposal. Council would like to expand the scope of the Commission in addition to changing the name. Additionally they would like to see a subcommittee that focus on Cultural Arts, specifically the Performing Arts with representatives from both the Fine Art and Recreation and Parks Commissions as well as residents and other art organizations.

E. Upcoming Staffing Changes for the Commission

Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey updated the Commission on staffing changes for the Commission noting that Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar and Assistant Director of Community Services Pam Shinault will formally be staff to the Fine Art Commission.

F. Update on Covenants

Another mailing was sent to developers requesting filing covenants for their developer owned artwork.

G. Art Show Event Update

Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar provided an update to the Commission on the Fall Art Show held October 21 & 22, 2017 in Beverly Gardens Park. It was the 45th year of the Art Show and 240 artists from all over Southern California participated. There was an estimated attendance of 30,000 people. The next Spring Art show will be held May 19 & 20, 2018.

H. Lighting for *Sitting Figure on a Short Bench*

Since the Beverly Gardens Park restoration project is headed eastward at this time, staff is looking to providing lighting on the *Sitting Figure on a Short Bench* piece.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. 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.

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)
- Big Picture Project (Kaye, Smooke)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller) - *Currently on hold*
- Location of Dávila artwork (Hiller, Vahn)
- Fletcher Benton installation on Burton Way (Smooke, Vahn)
- Cultural Arts Commission options (Rubins, Kaye)

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

10. Priority Setting

- The Kusama is still a priority project.
- Staff is still working on scheduling another liaison meeting with City Council members to review other outstanding items such as the Bove.
- Completing Tom Friedman agreement
- Lighting project for Siphus & Kentridge
- Developers Brochure is reading to go to print
- Pour in place material around art pieces will be replace with plant options
- Loan of the Dávila piece- reception planning
- Completing signage
- Art Donation of Fletcher Benton
- Covenants

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

11. FAC Upcoming Meetings

The December Fine Art Commission meeting will be a Special Meeting held on December 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 16, 2017 / 4:15pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 18th day of January 2018.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson