



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
Monday, September 18, 2017
2:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: September 18, 2017 / 2:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Hiller led the Pledge of Allegiance

CIVILITY STATEMENT Chair Smooke read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Gisele Grable, Patty Acuña, 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 11. A. Introduction of Kristin Buhagiar, Recreation Services Manager, was moved ahead to Item 1 and Item 3, Bove moved ahead to Item 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2017.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Kaye to approve the Meeting Minutes. (5/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama Update

Staff continues to be in contact with Ota Studios in Japan regarding the piece and is exploring options for refabricating or restoring the art. Staff is looking into the cost of shipment from Japan as well as recreating the sculpture. A painted piece would need more regular maintenance, which would include cleaning and waxing every six months. If the infrastructure is changed to stainless steel, that would prevent rusting. The cost of both options have been requested from Ota Studio.

3. Bove Update

Staff reported on the Liaison Meeting that was held on August 28, 2017. There was discussion on the disposition of the Bove piece but with the item now being a legal issue, it was brought to Closed Session with the City Council. The letters of support were read to the Liaison staff. The item is on the City Council agenda for September 19, 2017.

The Commission also discussed alternate locations for placement, which included a proposal for an area west of the elevator lobby of the City Hall side of the Crescent Drive Parking Structure.

MOTION by Smooke, SECONDED by Rubins that the Fine Art Commission adopt a resolution to inform City Council at the Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Council Meeting that the Commission is in favor of the City completing the contract to purchase the Bove and piece and then proceed with proper consideration to locate an alternate location on City property. (0/5)

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

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Rubins move that the Fine Art Commission makes the following statement to the City Council at their Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Council Meeting: The Fine Art Commission values the Carol Bove IO sculpture as an important part of the City's collection and urges the City Council to complete the purchase of the art. The Fine Art Commission is aware of maintenance costs of this piece and will endeavor to find a suitable alternative location for its placement. (5/0)

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

4. Developers Brochure Update

The Commission reviewed the draft; editing suggestions will be forwarded to staff.

5. Fine Art Ordinance Review

The Commission reviewed the Fine Art Ordinance:

- Fine Art shall not be art objects that are mass-produced.
- It is required to fulfill and satisfy all of the following criteria that are noted:
 - o That the established artist is a professional artist who derives his or her income primarily from his or her work as an artists and is accepted and recognized in the field of fine art.
 - o The appraisal needs to be completed by an independent qualified fine art appraiser or other evidence as noted.
 - o Documentation must be provided showing at least one piece of the same or comparable medium size and condition that has been sold in the last five years.
- Is the Donor willing to cover all the costs or the installation as well as transportation?
- A complete application must be submitted prior to consideration.

6. Process for Handling Donations/Loans

The Commission agreed to an Ad Hoc Committee to make sure that the criteria is met for submitted donations. Commissioners Vahn and Hiller agreed to be on the Ad Hoc. A check-list to be submitted to donors will be created by staff.

7. Proposal of Art Donation by Ringo Starr

The Commission thanks Mr. Starr for his generous offer but unfortunately the donation did not meet the Fine Art criteria.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Rubins move that the Fine Art Commission does not accept the art piece by Mr. Starr. (5/0)

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

8. Proposal of Art Donation by Mr. Brainwash

Chair Smooke recused himself.

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Hiller move that the Fine Art Commission pass on this particular donation and send a wonderful letter of appreciation. (4/0)

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

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Proposal of Art Donation by Fletcher Benton

The Commission reviewed the donation and requested information on the maintenance, if the piece needs restoration, costs and if the donor is interesting in paying for the installation.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Vahn move that the Fine Art Commission move ahead with the Fletcher Benton piece subject to finding out about restoration, location and installation costs. (5/0)

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

10. Proposal of Art Donation by Prince Lorenzo de' Medici

This donation is assigned to the ad hoc committee for further research and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

11. Director's Report

- Information only items:

- A. Introduction of Kristin Buhagiar, Recreation Services Manager
- B. Fine Art Fund Report
- C. Tom Friedman Commission

A letter was sent to the Gallery listing points not agreed upon.

- D. Lighting Update (Sisphus & WOHL)

Schedule being set.

- E. Cultural Arts

Details being reviewed.

- F. Marlene Louchheim Art Donation

Reviewed at the City Council Liaison meeting. The Liaisons felt that if the Commission could not support the donation for inclusion in the City's fine art collection then an offer of donation will not be extended.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

12. 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)

Commissioner Vahn reported she and Commissioner Rubins are working with the newspapers to educate the public about the City's art collection and will coordinate this effort with the City's Art Show being held October 21 and 22, 2017.

- 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.

- Commissioner Kaye shared an article written about less than 8% of public statues are female; 9 out of 411 National Parks are dedicated to Women's history and there's an international campaign going on to place statues of woman in public places
- Commissioner Kaye shared with the Commission images from sculpture Kevin Francis Grey who is represented by the Pace Gallery.
- Commissioner Vahn informed the Commission about an artist that is part of the Pacific Standard Time Exhibition that she plans to propose.
- Chair Smooke encouraged the public to participate in LA/LA's Pacific Standard Time Exhibit and pointed out there are works on the primary market that can be purchased as opposed to commissioning work.

13. Priority Setting

Information available in the packet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

14. FAC Upcoming Meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 18, 2017 / 3:42pm

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



Michael Smooke, Chairperson