



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

FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 17, 2017
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: August 17, 2017 / 4:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner Kaye lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CIVILITY STATEMENT Vice Chair Rubins read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Chair Smooke

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.

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 4 was moved to follow item 2. Later on the meeting it was agreed to move item 5 as the last item for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the special meeting of July 27, 2017.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Kaye, SECONDED by Vice Chair Rubins to approve the minutes with suggested changes.

AYES: Commissioner Kaye, Commissioners Hiller, Commissioner Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Smooke

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama Update

Staff reported that they have been in contact with OTA Studio reviewing the issues with this art piece. The studio feels that the problems were caused by public interaction even though problems have reappeared even after protecting the piece with the fence. The studio is looking at cost and process to refabricate the piece in Japan, and have it sent to Beverly Hills. The studio does not feel that the piece needs to be refabricated in concrete-fiberglass composite. Complete information will be provided for a decision to be made on next steps.

3. Bove Update

Staff reported that they received formal legal correspondence from Zwirner Gallery. Staff will include this item to the next Liaison meeting on August 28th for discussion and to City Council closed session for recommendation on September 5th.

4. Developers Brochure Update

Staff reported that the brochure draft has been reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee. Once all changes have been finalized the brochure will be presented to the full Commission for approval.

5. Priority Setting

Staff reviewed with the Commission the following Priority Setting and selected the items to prioritize and to be included in the September agenda.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Proposal of Fine Art Obligation 9701 Wilshire Blvd.

Brad Adams representative for the property on 9701 Wilshire Blvd. presented to the Commission the art by artist Randy Bloom that is currently installed in that property, and inquired if this art would qualify towards the property's Fine Art Obligation. The Commission discussed if this proposal met the criteria in terms of fine artist qualification and installation location. The Commission requested that they provide art appraisal or comparable sales value of the piece, as well as relocation of the piece to a public visible area. The Commission also presented to the representative the possibility of paying the Fine Art Obligation in-lieu fee.

7. 2017 Conflict of Interest Code

The Commission reviewed the Conflict of Interest Code and accepted it as is.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Kaye, SECONDED by Vice Chair Rubins to accept the Conflict of Interest Code as is.

AYES: Commissioner Kaye, Commissioners Hiller, Commissioner Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Smooke

CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

8. Director's Report

- Information only items:

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Fine Art Fund Reports were included in the packet. Commissioner Kaye noted 9646 South Santa Monica Crustacean was not listed. Staff will follow up on this project.

B. Tom Friedman Commission

Staff reported that they had a conference call with the Gallery and their legal team, along with staff and City Attorney. Staff shared with the Commission the points that are still far from agreement between both parties. Staff recommends bringing the item to City Council Liaisons meeting. After discussion, the Commission made the following motion:

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Kaye, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller that the Commission is asking staff to identify the points that are absolutely deal killers, and to communicate to the seller that the Commission is ready to stop negotiations if they don't agree at this point.

AYES: Commissioner Kaye, Commissioners Hiller, Commissioner Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Smooke

CARRIED

C. Education Liaison Update

Vice Chair Rubins reported that a meeting has been scheduled to design the layout of the articles that will be provided to the newspapers.

D. Lighting Update (Sisphus & WOHL)

Staff reported that contact was made with David Steinitz, they are moving forward and plan on having the lighting completed by the next Commission meeting.

E. Draft of September FAC Agenda

Discussed.

F. North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project

Staff informed the Commission of Project Manager Samer Elayyan's memo providing an update on the Santa Monica Boulevard construction along with detour suggestions.

Staff also updated the Commission on the rolling timeline of the Beverly Gardens Park upgrade. Commissioner Kaye requested asking the landscape architect if there is a solution to removing the decomposed granite, as is harmful to the art pieces. This item will be included on the September agenda.

G. Public Art Archive

This item is on the Liaison meeting agenda. Vice Chair Rubins will be taking photos of the five selected pieces.

H. Cultural Art Commission Proposal Update

No update until the Liaison meeting.

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)
Vice Chair Rubins spoke with one of the schoolboard members and is working on the articles for the newspapers.
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)
- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
- Donations and Loaned Art (Smooke, Vahn)
Chair Smooke is gathering details for Ai Weiwei art loan proposal.
- Big Picture Project (Kaye, Smooke)
Completed.
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
Taking photos and waiting to hear from City Council
- Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller) – Currently on hold

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

- Commission Vahn encouraged the public to send art proposals for submissions. The web submission is closed but any of the Fine Art Commissioner could still be contacted directly for proposal consideration.
- Staff reminded the Commission of the Special September 18th Commission Meeting starting at 2pm.
- Vice Chair Rubins requested for future agendas that the priority setting and the draft for the upcoming Commission agenda be combined and be placed at the end of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

10. FAC Upcoming Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 17, 2017 / 5:19 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 18th day of September, 2017.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson