



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

FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 15, 2017
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: June 15, 2017 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Vahn, Vice Chair Smooke, Chair Kaye
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rubins
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Pam Shinault, 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 6 was moved to the end of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2017.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller for the passage of the minutes (4-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Rubins

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama Update

Staff reported to the Commission that the Liaison had considered the possibility to have Ironwood refabricate the piece but the Council Liaisons recommended that the Kusama should be refabricated in Japan. Staff will work on consolidating cost of fabrication in Japan as well as shipping costs to present to the Commission and Liaisons for consideration. Also, following previous direction from the Fine Art Commission, Staff has worked with City Attorney's Office and an extension of the warranty to Ironwood has been extended for one more year.

3. Bove Update

Staff reported that the Liaisons discussed the possibility of deducting the cost of the Bove restoration from the final payment to the Gallery. The Council Liaisons recommended that Staff should reach out to the artist and fabricator, and inquire about the possibility of refinishing the piece in a different material that is more resilient to public interaction. The Commission also discussed options on how to protect the piece.

4. Education Liaison Update

Due to Commissioner Rubins being absent, this ad hoc committee will provide an update on this item at the July meeting.

5. Art Signage

Staff presented to the Commission samples of the "for viewing only" art signage in two different sizes for consideration. The Commission decided to test both size signs, and asked staff to install the big signs by the Tony Smith sculpture and the small ones by the Carol Bove sculpture.

6. Priority Exercise

Staff reported that two proposals of artwork for donation to the City have come forward for the Commission's consideration: one sculpture from artist Mr. Brainwash, and another sculpture from artist Ringo Starr. The Commission requested to include both of these proposals in the July agenda and they selected the rest of items to prioritize and to be included in next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

7. Director's Report

- Information only items
 - A. Fine Art Fund Report
Fine Art Fund Reports were included in the packet.
 - B. Tom Friedman Commission
Staff reported that they are reviewing with the City Attorney the changes proposed by the gallery to the agreement.
 - C. William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*

Staff reported that they are coordinating all the logistics for the dedication reception scheduled for June 20th.

D. Public Art Archive

The Fine Art Commission and City Council Liaisons met to review the possibility of publishing the City's Art Collection in the Public Art Archive website. City Council requested additional information on the Public Art Archive, such as list of major cities that are represented in this program.

E. Metro's Purple Line Arts Program

Staff reported on the Metro Family Art Workshop that took place on June 11th at the Beverly Hills Farmer's Market.

F. Draft of April FAC Agenda

As part of our commission standardization process, the Commission was asked to identify the agenda items to be heard at the July 2017 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. 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

The Donations and Loaned Art Ad Hoc Committee reported that they have been approached on behalf of artist Ai Weiwei with a proposal for a loan of this artist's artwork called *Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads*. The Committee also reported that representatives of artist Marlene Louchheim have brought forward a proposal for donation of one of her artworks to the City. Both proposals will be included in the July agenda for the Commission's consideration.

- Education Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)
- 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.

Staff reported that artist Ed Massey approached Mayor Bosse about doing a temporary art exhibit in the Lily Pond located in Beverly Gardens Park as part of the Mayor's B.O.L.D (Business Open Later Days) initiative. This art piece would be made of colorful floating discs made of foam and it would be unique to Beverly Hills.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. FAC Upcoming Meetings

The Commission will review the upcoming dates in the next Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 15, 2017 / 5:19pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 27th day of July, 2017.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson