



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 19, 2017
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 19, 2017 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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.

Michael Carlin from the Art Council in Century City expressed interest in potential collaborations between this Art Council and the Fine Art Commission.

Norman and Tatiana Solomon, residents of Beverly Hills and international art dealers, would like to share with the City of Beverly Hills a photography collection. They will send a proposal to the Commission Staff for consideration.

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 8 was taken out of order and moved to be the first item discussed in this meeting after the approval of the minutes. Item 8D was combined with Item 3. Item 6 and item 7 were also moved to be discussed right after item 8.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Hiller, SECONDED by Commissioner Smooke to approve the minutes subject to a correction on number 2 (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Art Signage and Proposed Locations

Staff will provide areal image of signage positioning around the sculptures and rendering of proposed signs in the selected format in the February meeting.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Vahn to approve the sign as proposed, with the consideration of a rendering showing of how it will appear upon installation (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Chair Kaye to approve the locations as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

CARRIED

3. Kusama Update

The Commission rolled this item with item 6.B.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Proposed Acquisition of Lichtenstein

Chair Kaye reported that the consideration of purchase of the Lichtenstein sculpture *Coups de Pinceau* had been brought forward to the FAC/Council Liaison. He also reported that he had met with representatives of the Lichtenstein Foundation, and that they had expressed their desire for that sculpture to remain in the City of Beverly Hills. The Foundation would be willing to consider an offer of purchase by the City. The Commission discussed if there was interest to pursue this potential acquisition.

Motion: MOVED by Chair Kaye, SECONDED by Commissioner Rubins that a Committee for the Commission negotiates with the representatives of the Lichtenstein Foundation for the purchase of the Lichtenstein *Brushstrokes* at the Wallis, to a maximum price of 2.5 million dollars. (5-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT:

CARRIED

5. Future Tour Proposal

Vice Chair Hiller reported to the Commission that she has contacted the director of the Marciano Art Foundation, and they are looking into early May to schedule a tour of the museum for the Fine Art Commission.

6. Commission Standardization

Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Community Services, presented and reviewed with the Commission the procedures that will be implemented as part of the Community Services Commissions standardization.

7. Priority Setting

Per the Commission standardization, Staff presented to the Commission the priority setting exercise along with the corresponding Fine Art Commission Priority List.

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.

B. Waldorf Astoria Project

Staff updated the Commission in regards to the architectural element that is proposed to be placed at the corner of Santa Monica Blvd. and Wilshire Blvd.

C. Tom Friedman Commission

Staff and City Attorney's Office are reviewing the proposed changes to the agreement that were sent by the Gallery. This agreement is estimated to go to City Council for approval at one of the City Council meetings in February.

D. William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*

Staff received updated structural engineer drawings of the revised base. Staff will bring estimates for the revised concrete base and lighting vendor to the February meeting.

E. Bove Update

Staff is proceeding with creating an agreement with the vendor recommended by the Zwirner Gallery to provide a cleaning and maintenance treatment for this piece.

F. Website Link to FAC Speaker Presentations

Staff has updated the Fine Art Commission's webpage to include links that will take viewers directly to the special guest presentations. The Commission requested that Staff adds photo of the speakers next to each link.

- G. Gagosian Gallery – Richard Serra Sculptures
A Fine Art City Council liaison meeting was held on 12/19/16. The City Council liaisons did not feel that they could support the purchase of the Richard Serra *Twins* piece at the price point that has been proposed by the Gallery.
- H. Fine Art Obligation – Covenants
Staff gave an update on the covenants that have been recorded to date. The Commission was not satisfied with the progress and would like to seek support from the City Attorney's Office.
- I. Update on Border around *Spiral of Life*
The border around the artwork has been repaired.
- J. Update on lighting around Kusama
The timer for the lighting of this art piece has been adjusted.
- K. Lighting donation for *Sisyphus*
Murray Pepper has approached Staff about donating new lighting to be installed around this sculpture. Staff is working on recommendations for new LED lighting fixtures and cost estimates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
The Mayor's Cabinet Notes were included in the packet.
- B. Ad Hoc Committees
The BHUSD Arts Liaison reported that they will be meeting with BHUSD before the FAC February meeting, and they asked the Commission to review the proposed projects and to give feedback to this Ad Hoc Committee before they attend this second meeting.
 - BHUSD Arts Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)
 - Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)
 - Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
 - Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
 - Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller)
 - Donations and Loaned Art (Smooke, Vahn)
 - Big Picture Project (Kaye, Smooke)
 - Richard Serra/Lichtenstein (Kaye/Hiller)
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
The Commission informed that Jessica Cusick will not be able to present to the Commission until the March meeting.
The Gagosian Gallery is having a Houseago exhibit.
Michele Maccarone's Gallery is hosting a Carol Bove exhibit.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

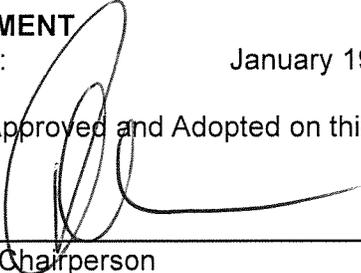
10. FAC Upcoming Meetings

The Commission will review the meeting schedule in the February meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 19, 2017 / 6:17 pm

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



Alan Kaye, Chairperson