



## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

Room 280A  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

### **FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 15, 2018  
4:00pm

#### **OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: February 15, 2018 / 4:03pm

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **CIVILITY STATEMENT**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins, Chair Smooke  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, 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.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2018. Commissioner Kaye had corrections/changes to the meeting minutes, which were accepted. The updated minutes will be submitted in the March Commission packet.

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

AYES: Kaye, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins, Smooke

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

CARRIED:

#### **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

None.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **2. Kusama Update**

Director of Community Services, Nancy Hunt-Coffey

In corresponding with the Ota Studio regarding the piece, they had no issue with the metal sculpture in addition to the 5% reduction in size. Staff recommended to Ota Studio that a metal structure for the piece might be the best replacement option and suggested a number of steps including some of the following:

- De-install and move the existing sculpture to a Los Angeles area foundry.
- The existing sculpture will be cut into pieces to create silicon molds for the casting process.
- Sandblast the sculpture to enable proper painting and paint with polychrome paint.
- Reassess the engineering of the base for installation (any necessary corrections to be made).

The Studio liked the idea of refabricating with metal, but a structural analysis is necessary to confirm the foundation can handle a heavier load. Environmental aspects like climate, wind and temperature should also be considered.

The Commission requested the City Attorney or a Fine Art Attorney be contacted to see if there is any recourse regarding the faulty design. Staff will schedule a meeting with the City Attorney.

Ironwood Update: Haven't been able to come up with engineer specifications that exist now for the existing piece. Ralph has sent the specifications of the base. Staff has asked the follow:

- If we are allowed a credit, how much?
- If we go with fiberglass option and replace the stem, would the work be fully covered by the warranty?

Ralph has responded with the engineering drawings but no answer yet from the questions above.

### **3. Walton Ford Art Loan Proposal by Gagosian Gallery**

Unfortunately, the Gagosian Gallery could not find a suitable location at City Hall so the proposed loan has been withdrawn at this time.

### **4. Priority Setting**

The Commission was asked by City Council to engage in a Priority Setting exercise for the Fiscal Year 18/19 to review outstanding projects and follow up items. The Commission reviewed the list and prioritized the following:

- Fine Art Obligation Covenants, Purchase of New Art, Licensing agreement for Public Art Archive
- Vice Chair Rubins requested a copy of the printed Developer's Brochure.

- The Commission directed staff to add new art purchases to the priority list and asked staff to bring the seven (7) new sculpture proposals received last year, back for consideration.

## **NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. Fine Art Year In Review  
Reviewed

## **PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS**

6. Director's Report
  - Information only items
    - A. Fine Art Fund Report  
Reviewed. Commissioner Kaye requested information on 8942 Wilshire Blvd in addition to 245 N. Beverly Drive, which is the MGM building and includes a restaurant. Staff will check with Community Development and report back.
    - B. Tom Friedman Update  
Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar has been communicating with the gallery and staff needs additional items from them such as engineering drawings including a wind and earthquake study, lightening recommendations, and maintenance and installation instructions before payment is submitted.
    - C. Jose Davila Update  
The piece is installed. The City is concerned about people sitting on the piece because the white material that the piece is comprised of can rub off onto people's clothing. One of the City's project managers is looking into the issue. The representative from Land will also be contacted for suggestions.
    - D. Fletcher Benton Status Report  
Senior Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna informed the Commission that the restoration and repainting has been completed. The piece is back with LA Packing for storage. The Associate Project Manager from Public Works went to the location to take photos to know where the anchoring bolts were so the base could be engineered. Staff is waiting for those drawings to get a quote for the base, which the donor will be responsible for. Installation to follow.
    - E. Bove Update  
Staff spoke to Rosa about raising the piece, per City Council's direction. Rosa thought it was a great idea if the purpose was to minimize the public interaction. Rosa did have a few concerns about height and suggested staff reach out to the Gallery & artist to review their thoughts.
    - F. Burton Way Art Lighting  
The trenching has started on the Burton Way median. The inspection went fine; it will be covered up, wiring lined and the lights should be installed in the next few weeks for both the Kentridge piece and Sisyphus.

G. Update on Cultural Arts

The next step is to modify the language of the Ordinance which staff has started working on. It would then be taken to the City Council liaisons for further direction.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

7. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting  
Discussed.

B. Ad Hoc Committees

- Education Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)  
Vice Chair Rubins updated the Commission on the Art Meeting he attended.
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Smooke, Rubins)
- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
- Donations and Loaned Art (Hiller, Vahn)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Cultural Arts Commission options (Rubins, Kaye)

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

- Commissioner Kaye shared images of artwork with the Commission from a Los Angeles local artist, Sterling Ruby. The artist is represented by a local gallery.
- Commissioner Hiller requested this be placed on next month's agenda in addition to other web submissions.
- Commissioner Smooke recommended to all that they attend Jasper John's "Something Resembling Truth" exhibition at the Broad Museum, in addition to Louise Bourgeois Spider exhibition at the Hauser Wirth Museum.

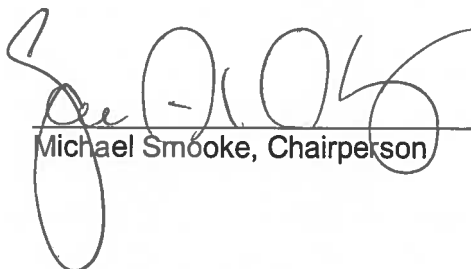
**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

8. FAC Upcoming Meetings  
Reviewed

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: February 15, 2018 / 5:20pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

  
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Michael Smooke, Chairperson

*For Chair Smooke*