



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 19, 2018
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: April 19, 2018 / 4:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kaye, Vahn, Vice Chair Rubins, Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: Hiller
Staff Present: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Pam Shinault, Patty Acuna, Kristin Buhagiar, Linda Kyriazi, Jessica Barragan, Derek Nguyen

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.

By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018.

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Vahn to accept the minutes as presented with the addition of the comments provided by Commissioner Kaye. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Kusama Update

Vice Chair Rubins updated the Commission on the meeting that took place to discuss this item with the sculpture's fabricator. An additional meeting with City Attorney's Office has been scheduled to draft a Memorandum of Understanding with Kusama Studio (Ota Studio).

Ralph Hudson from Ironwood, the sculpture's fabricator, addressed the Commission and answered their questions in regards to the different options for re-fabrication of the art piece and value of his warranty.

The Commission discussed best way to proceed with the re-fabrication of the sculpture and contemplated 3 possible options: Re-fabricate under warranty at no cost to the City and sell the refurbished Kusama sculpture, re-fabricate under warranty at no cost to the City and keep it in the City art collection with future maintenance costs, re-fabricate in metal at over \$300,000 cost to the City and keep it with minimum maintenance costs. The Commission reached the decision to prepare this item for presentation to City Council consideration.

MOTION by Smooke, **SECONDED** by Kaye to re-fabricate the existing Kusama and make a reserve for future repairs, if required, and obtain recertification from Ota Studio (4/0)

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

MOTION by Rubins, **SECONDED** by Kaye to keep the conversation open with Ota studio and to create a memorandum of understanding of what the process would be if we were to re-make this sculpture in metal (4/0)

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

Vice Chair Rubins left the meeting at 5:07pm.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Burton Way Median Design Recommendation

Derek Ngyuen, Public Work's Project Manager updated the Commission on the upcoming redesign of Burton Way Median to achieve environmental goals. The main objective of the proposed design is to address water and storm water federal and state regulatory compliance. The grassy area of the median will be replaced by drought tolerant landscaping. The Commission was asked to make a recommendation on their preference for the proposed landscaping and proximity of the planting to the art pieces installed in the median.

MOTION by Vahn, SECONDED by Kaye to approve the concept #1 with the color closer to the sculpture and if possible, we would like to have the ground cover continue the entire median in anticipation of future art work. (3/0)

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

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

4. Director's Report

- Information only items:

- A. Fine Art Fund Report

Information provided in packet.

- B. Tom Friedman Update

The engineering drawings for this sculpture have been almost finalized. We are really close to process payment for the first installment of the sculpture.

- C. Fletcher Benton Status Report

The estimates from constructors have been secured and Staff will provide those estimates to Mr. Louchheim for approval to proceed with the installation.

- D. Bove Raising Update

Following City Council's direction to raise the Bove, Staff has been working with the City Architect and with Mia Lehrer and Associates, the Landscape Architect firm that has designed all the landscape for the Beverly Gardens Park renovation. The proposed direction is to raise the art piece onto individual piers and to create lush planting around the piece maintaining the artist's intent of the piece to look like it is floating on greenery. Staff is working on obtaining drawings of this concept and will present them to the Commission at the next meeting.

- E. Public Art Archive

Staff reached out to the Public Art Archive organization. They have confirmed to be willing to be flexible with the licensing requirements. City Attorney's Office will look over the licensing terms and will provide suggestions to reach an agreement with this organization.

- F. Canon/Wilshire Update

Staff is working with City Attorney's Office to create an amendment to the existing covenant for this property to ensure that we include provisions for the storage of the art piece currently installed at this address and the responsibility to re-install the art piece after the Metro project is complete.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

5. 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 at:

www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/mayorandcouncilmembers/mayorscabinetmeetings/

- B. Ad Hoc Committees

- Education Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)

- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)
- 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.

6. Priority Setting

Staff invited the Commission to attend the April 24th City Council Meeting where they will consider all Commissions' recommendations. Staff will provide the list of Fine Art Commission priorities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

7. FAC Upcoming Meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: April 19, 2018 / 5:37pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 17th day of May 2018.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson