



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, July 19, 2018
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: July 19, 2018 / 4:03pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Smooke, Kaye, Vice Chair Vahn, Chair Rubins
Commissioners Absent: Hiller
Staff Present: Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Patty Acuna, 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.

Tom Roberts, introduced himself as an architect that is familiar with the City's art collection. He suggested that Burton Way should be developed as a park. He said that he does not like the landscaping that is being proposed at the Burton Way's outreach meetings. He suggested that the grass on the median should be preserved and to bring the grass to the same level of the sculpture platforms so the platforms do not look as part of the sculpture, which they are not. He added that nature should be used to assist the presentation of the sculptures. Currently all sculptures installed in Burton Way are centered in a line along the median, it is not possible to appreciate one art piece without having another art piece conflicting. Mr. Roberts also wanted to point out how distasteful is the Kusama fencing and how it drains from the sculpture itself.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Vahn to approve the agenda as presented. (4/0)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2018.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Vahn to approve the minutes of the meeting as they were presented. (4/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Proposed Art Loan by Lionel Smit

The Commission reviewed the information presented for the proposed loan by artist Lionel Smit. The Commission decided to table this item until the August meeting when Commissioner Hiller will be in attendance so she can participate in this decision.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

3. Director's Report

- Information only items:

- A. Fine Art Fund Report

Information was provided in the packet. Staff explained expense entry for sculptures' cleaning fees.

- B. Bove Raising Update

Staff reported that the next steps for the Bove raising are to present the Council Liaison's direction and the Commission's recommendations along with cost estimates to City Council. Staff will try to agendaize this item in September.

- C. Tom Friedman Update

Staff reported that quotes for the base and installation have been received. Staff will work on awarding contract for this job and securing the corresponding permits. The project is on track for the proposed installation date of October 29th.

- D. Fletcher Benton Status Report

Staff reported on the Fletcher Benton dedication that took place on July 17th. The Commission said it was one of the best art dedications and that they were very pleased to have had full City Council attendance for this event.

- E. Kusama Warranty Extension and Engineering Study Update

Staff informed that the warranty extension has already been approved by City Council. The warranty stands until September 30, 2019. The fabricator of the sculpture, informed Staff that the engineer who did the original calculations has not renewed his license. The fabricator is currently working on securing a new vendor

to provide the engineering study. Chair Rubins talked earlier on the day of the Fine Art meeting with the fabricator, and instructed Staff on needed information and next steps.

F. 160 N. Canon Fine Art Obligation Update

Staff informed that the amendment off the covenant will be finalized and sent to the developer for execution.

G. Spring Art Show Recap

Staff informed that the Spring Art Show took place on May 19 & 20. There was a record number of artists applying to participate in the event. Multiple artists were highlighted in the City's social media and in the Art Show program. Good sales were recorded. Staff thanked all the sponsors and invited the Commission to join the upcoming Fall Art Show on October 19 & 20.

H. Priority Exercise

Staff discussed with the Commission the impact of the Cultural Arts component with the priority exercise. The Commission is eager to conduct the Priority Exercise in the next months. The Commission would like to reopen the webpage submission form to allow residents of Beverly Hills to submit art pieces for consideration for a month, ideally reopen the submission form in August and do some outreach through press releases about this opportunity. The Commission would like to schedule the Priority Exercise in September. Staff is going to check with IT if this timeline is possible. The Commission will also review and update their proposals for submission since some of the original art pieces submitted for consideration are no longer available.

The Commission inquired if there have been efforts to secure additional staff to support this additional Cultural Arts component. Staff reported that the Department had included a job position request through the City's budget to support the Cultural Arts/Fine Art Commission. The Commission also requested for Staff to send the scope of work prepared by the Cultural Art consultant for their review.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

4. 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)

The Commission Chair informed that he would like to wait and update the Ad Hoc assignments next January when the new Fine Art Commissioner has been recruited and joins the Commission. The only approved change was to assign Commissioner Smooke and Chair Rubins as the Kusama Re-fabrication Ad Hoc Committee.

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

The Commission inquired if the art signage had been completed. Staff reported that they are working on it. The Commission also asked for the plaque of the sculpture at the entrance of the Dog Park to be cleaned and raised a bit higher to avoid dogs marking it.

The Commission reported that the sculptures' lights at the Beverly Gardens Park were off. Staff will work on fixing this issue.

5. Priority Setting

The Commission reviewed the list of Fine Art Commission priorities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

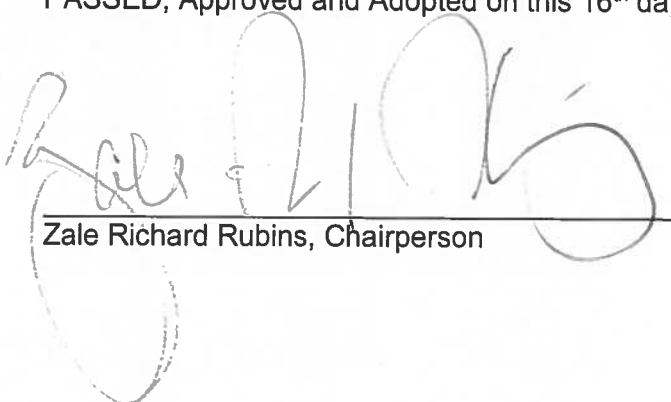
6. FAC Upcoming Meetings

Commission dates available in the packet and on the City's website. The Commission asked to reschedule the December meeting a couple of weeks earlier. Staff will check room availability.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 19, 2018 / 4:47pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 16th day of August 2018.



Zale Richard Rubins, Chairperson