



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 13, 2019 / 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Frank, Smooke, Rubins, Vice Chair Hiller, Chair Vahn
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Patty Acuna, Adrine Ovasapyan, Jessica Barragan

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.

The Chair asked for all in favor to approve the amended agenda. (5/0)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2019.
MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Rubins to approve the minutes as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Frank, Smooke, Rubins, Hiller, Vahn
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Arts and Culture Work Plan Implementation - update

Karen Constine, arts and culture consultant contracted by the City, presented the commission's work plan with implementation action steps. Staff and Karen gave the Commission an update on the Priority & Task Implementation Table which will help track work plan priorities and programs. The document will also assist with identifying who is the lead on projects based on Ad Hoc Committees. Staff recommends for the Commission to get organized in this early stage via information gathering during the first months. An arts and culture idea assessment process such as the Priority Exercise for Fine Art will be beneficial to filter and evaluate presented ideas based on established criteria. The Commission would like to separate fine art and public art in the future.

3. Review Updated Cultural Arts Inventory/Stakeholder List

Staff informed that the list has been updated since July 9, 2019 Arts and Culture Commission Meeting. Commissioners and Stakeholders will be invited to kickoff meeting once date finalized. The Commission added items to the list.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Ad Hoc Committees Purpose, Roles, and Responsibilities

Staff presented three Ad Hoc Committee scenarios to reflect the new Arts and Culture Commission purview. Currently, there are 7 Ad Hoc Committees. Staff suggests condensing the amount of Ad Hoc Committees. The Commission agreed to 4 including Fine Art/Public Art Ad Hoc, Public Art Criteria Ad Hoc, Performing and Arts and Culture Ad Hoc, Marketing, Community Outreach and Education Ad Hoc. Chair Vahn would like to review committees and assignments at September meeting.

5. Presentation of Preliminary Draft Concept/Ideas for new Arts and Culture Webpage and Community Arts and Culture Calendar

De Ivett and Jessica Good, from 5D Spectrum contracted by the City, presented preliminary Arts and Culture webpage and community arts and culture calendar draft. Staff seeking feedback and input from the Commission on logo options, color palettes, calendar view layouts and content. The Commission requested an integrated map option and notifications for added calendar items. Staff clarified that only members of the website can add events. Intention of website is to provide the public with all arts and culture events within the community. The Commission voted on webpage aesthetic options.

There was a communication from the audience in regards to this item.

Peri Ellen Berne expressed that the website images should highlight iconic and identifiable Beverly Hills locations.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

6. Director's Report

- Staff presented the monthly Fine Art fund reports and provided information on pending permits and fees.
- Staff informed that Ai Weiwei representatives would like to do a licensing deal instead of an acquisition deal. Staff will bring contract language to council liaisons for feedback. Additionally, UTA has advised the City to make agreement with Ai Weiwei directly instead of with them. The City Attorney is working with staff on agreement language for upcoming liaison meeting. Installation date still pending at this time.
- The Kusama agreement with Art Bronze will be completed today. Estimated timeline of process is 9 months.
- The Kusama loan to the New York Botanical Gardens conditions have been met. The New York Botanical Gardens will cover the costs for de-installation, shipping, transporting, restoring. Both Ota Studio and to New York Botanical Gardens have confirmed in writing on authentication, video and photographing, destruction, and insurance requirements. This item will go to City Council on August 20th for approval. Current Kusama sculpture will be removed no earlier than March 1st and no later than March 16th which indicates an approximate vacant site of 1 month duration.
- Bove has two problems. One is the look of the raised piece and the second is the finish is not adhering and is peeling off after just being restored a few months ago. Clear coating is peeling. The original fabricator, Standard Sculpture, will be sending staff a finalized report on what the issue might be and how it might be addressed. The sculpture was raised, but intent was to use taller, fuller vegetation to camouflage the higher base. Staff is working on mitigating the gallery's disapproval of raised sculpture by acquiring new vegetation.
- Nechita is one of the donation artworks. The Public Works Storm Water Retention Project design drawings for Burton Way are 90%. Art donation acceptance and location discussion will be an item before the City Council on August 20th for donation and location approval. Art is recommended to be placed on Burton Way, West of Sysiphus, as if sculpture is facing the other 3 installed art pieces.
- Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, reported on agreement copyright status for city owned art in regards to adding to Public Art Archive. For the 30 pieces, 14 agreements have been gathered. Out of those 14, the City owns the rights to 4 pieces, does not own the rights to 6 pieces, 1 is asking for fee, and 3 more pieces would like artist approval that is stated in the agreements. Staff will contact the artists of pieces with no copyright ownership to request approval of including art piece in Public Art Archive listing. The Commission will decide later if a partial list of city owned art should be added to the archive.
- Staff reported that October is National Arts and Humanities Month and the City Council will be doing a proclamation. Once that date is established, the Commission will be invited to attend.
- Janet Echelman art piece is above Santa Monica Blvd. The Commission agree that it is a beautiful artwork. Chair Vahn reported the installation has created traffic problems of congestion.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- B. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Education Liaison (Rubins, Frank)

- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Vahn, Rubins)
 - Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
 - Donations and Loaned Art (Hiller, Vahn)
 - Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Frank)
 - Cultural Arts Planning (Frank, Vahn)
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. Commission Priority List

Fine Art Commission priorities were included in the packet. Staff revised the list and added a calendar of mayoral initiatives along with the priority list for the Arts and Culture Commission to attend.

9. ACC Upcoming Meetings

The Arts and Culture meeting schedule was included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 13, 2019 / 11:54 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 10th day of September 2019.



Stephanie Vahn, Chairperson