



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: September 10, 2019 / 10:01 am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Rubins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Vahn read the Civility Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

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

*Diane Holland and Peter Frank recommended an exhibition at Yucca Valley Visual & Performing Arts Center named Friends of EMS by photographer, photojournalist and filmmaker, Eric Minh Swenson.*

**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 August 13, 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

## PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction of New Staff – Sr. Recreation Supervisor Paul Paolone  
Recreation Services Manager, Kristin Buhagiar, introduced new Senior Recreation Supervisor, Paul Paolone. Paul provided introduction on his past work experience.
3. Art Show Spring 2019 – Informational  
Senior Recreation Supervisor, Victoria Cusumano, provided an update on the Spring 2019 Art Show.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. Artist Carol Bove's *IO*  
Assistant City Manager, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, updated the Commission on artwork, *IO*, by Carol Bove. The piece was uninstalled for refinishing by original fabricator, Standard Sculpture, due to scratches and scuffs. Rosa Lowinger, art conservator, and Standard Sculpture restored the finish and reinstalled artwork. The procedure failed entirely as the finish is peeling off and putting the material underneath the coating at risk due to exposure. Therefore, the artwork is currently covered in a green screen for protection from public contact and sun exposure. Additionally, the gallery has indicated to staff that artist is displeased with raising of the piece onto concrete piers. The current aesthetics conflict with the artist's vision of the piece. Staff cannot prevent the public from interacting with the piece however. Possible options to remedy issue include larger planting surrounding base, painting base white, relocating piece to less trafficked area, or place a fence around it. The Commission discussed the challenges and possible options. Chair Vahn requested staff research Maccarone Gallery that also represents Bove for another fabricator in the area. Commissioner Rubins recommends institutionalizing the usage of materials and acceptance of art for creating a standardized method of art procurement. The Commission supports finding a solution to exhibit the piece as artist intended.
5. Ad Hoc Committees  
Staff requested approval to finalize Ad Hoc Committee assignments by the Commission. MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Frank to accept the Ad Hoc Committees as presented. (5/0)

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

**6. Arts and Culture Work Plan Implementation**

Assistant Director of Community Services, Pam Shinault, reviewed the Arts and Culture Work Plan Implementation Table. Each month, staff will present an updated table for the Commission to review and discuss planning, action items, and deadlines.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

**7. Director's Report**

**a. Information only items**

- Staff presented the monthly Fine Art fund reports and provided information on pending permits and fees. The Commission requested additional reporting on maintenance funds.
- Ringo Starr will be discussed at City Council meeting on September 10, 2019. Staff is seeking approval for placement of art piece in Beverly Gardens Park in the southwest corner between Beverly Drive and Cañon Drive. The proposal includes hedging behind the piece to prevent pictures from the backside. If approved, a celebration will follow and the Commission will be informed.
- Staff informed that Ai Weiwei agreement was discussed at Liaison meeting on August 22, 2019. Chair Vahn provided an update from the Liaison meeting. Staff will be meeting with Ai Weiwei and UTA's attorneys to discuss issues with agreement. The Liaisons recommend to emulate the Bove agreement language and insert it to the Ai Weiwei draft update. The draft is currently under review by Ai Weiwei's attorney.
- 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 artist owns the rights to 6 pieces, 3 pieces the City owns, and 5 more pieces are donations. It is likely the donors do not own copyright, but staff will contact the donors to obtain documentation if they do. If not, Staff will contact the artists for approval to include art piece in Public Art Archive listing. The Commission decided to start the listing process with the 3 pieces the City owns. Staff will research if the website will allow a link to the Commission's art collection.

- b. Staff added a calendar of mayoral initiatives for the Arts and Culture Commission to attend.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**8. Chair's Report**

- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- b. Ad Hoc Committees – under review
- c. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**9. Commission Priority List**

Fine Art Commission priorities were included in the packet.

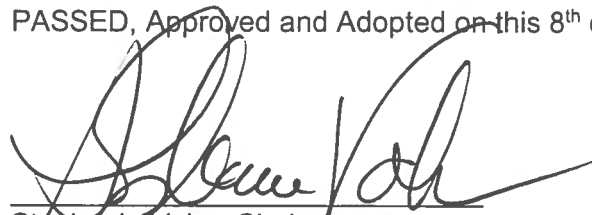
**10. ACC Upcoming Meetings**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: September 10, 2019 / 11:38 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.



Stephanie Vahn, Chairperson