



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: October 8, 2019 / 10:00 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Frank 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, Patty Acuña, Paul Paolone, 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.

Steven Barber, filmmaker from Beverly Hills, presented the Apollo 11 Project which would bring the crew of Apollo 11 art to the City.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019.
MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Frank 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. Metro Construction Update Presentation
Engineering Manager from Public Works Department, Robert Welch, presented a Metro construction update to the Commission.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Ad Hoc Committees
Assistant Director of Community Services, Pam Shinault, reported on staff assignments to Ad Hoc Committees. Staff will work closely with Commissioners within committees as a resource to provide guidance and strategize on work plan and tasks. The Ad Hoc Committees can vet through details working with staff before presenting to the full Commission. Recommendation for Commissioners and Staff to communicate regularly.
4. 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

5. 2019 Conflict of Interest Code
MOTION by Vahn, SECONDED by Rubins to adopt the 2019 Conflict of Interest Code, Exhibits A and B for the Beverly Hills Arts and Culture Commission as presented. (5/0)

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

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

6. Director's Report
 - a. Information only items
 - Alexandra Nechita artwork was approved at August 20, 2019 City Council Meeting. Staff will meet with Public Works Department to discuss timeline of installation.
 - Kusama loan agreement is moving forward. Artwork is scheduled to be picked up in March 2020.
 - Kusama refabrication has begun. Art Bronze has created a 3-D rendering and is in communication with Otta Fine Art Studios. The first visit for first set of approvals will likely take place in January 2020.
 - Bove artwork will remain covered for protection while the City works with fabricator to discuss repairing clear coat peeling issue. Staff met with artist attorneys to discuss moving art piece, but they are reluctant.
 - Plaques for art pieces are still in progress to ensure uniformity.
 - Ai Weiwei agreement is almost finalized. The City rejected licensing and copyright language in new draft and Ai Weiwei has agreed to all of it except for two items. The City has updated language and the latest draft is currently under review by Ai Weiwei's attorney. A timeline for installation and panel discussion about the piece will be shared with the Commission when it becomes available after docketing the final agreement.

- Mayor's Community Pops Concert and Singalong with the LA Lawyers Philharmonic on October 1, 2019 was a success.
- Ringo Starr artwork base is currently being installed. The concrete needs to cure and the piece will be installed after the art show. Estimated installation is early November. Once staff has an installation event date, it will be shared with the Commission.
- Beverly Hills Art Show coming up on October 19th and 20th from 10:00am to 5:00pm.
- Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, presented the monthly Fine Art fund reports and provided information on pending permits and fees.
- Maple Drive and Beverly Hills Hotel missing art status is still in process with the Community Development Department. City Attorney's Office still figuring out how to do a code enforcement action.
- Staff reported that three art pieces can be added to Public Art Archive. The next step is to have the terms of use signed off by Westaff, company that manages Public Art Archive. They will be flexible with the City regarding agreement.
- Jean Highstein artwork still pending approval by donor due to installation costs. Risk Management will decide if art piece could be free-standing in the event that the donor rejects installation costs for a concrete base.
- b. Staff added a calendar of mayoral initiatives for the Arts and Culture Commission to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. Chair's Report

- a. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
- b. Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art/Public Art (Vahn, Hiller)
 - Performing and Arts and Culture (Vahn, Frank)
 - Public Art Criteria and Process (Smooke, Rubins)
 - Marketing and Education (Rubins, Frank)
 - Community Outreach (Smooke, Hiller)

Smooke and Rubins have done research on public art process by other cities and will be meeting with staff liaisons to discuss options for Beverly Hills.
Hiller and Vahn are working with representatives from The Wallis to present at upcoming Commission meeting.
- 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.

9. ACC Upcoming Meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: October 8, 2019 / 11:18 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 12th day of November 2019.



Stephanie Vahn, Chairperson