



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 14, 2020
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 14, 2020 / 10:03 am

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

SWEARING IN COMMISSIONER FILIPOVIC

ROTATION OF THE COMMISSION

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Filipovic, Vahn, and Rubins, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Paul Paolone, Aida Thau

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of Chair Smooke, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Vahn to approve the minutes (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Filipovic, Vahn, and Rubins, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Arts and Culture Expansion Initiative

Art Consultants Karen Constine and Jessica Cusick presented a review on the Arts and Culture Expansion Initiative. They reviewed ordinances, policies, plans, and other key documents that affect the arts and culture in Beverly Hills. Findings from the arts and culture survey provided insight on what types of art and events the community would like to see in the future. Findings from the “Listening Tour” presentations were also analyzed and shared with the Commission. The four major recommendations from the tour presentations include: future programs and events, art facilities in Beverly Hills or expanded venues, potential partnerships, and outreach & marketing opportunities. The Commission and staff shared their input while exploring potential arts and culture initiatives. Karen and Jessica continued with a second presentation on Public Art Framework Discussion. This dialogue focused on the characteristics of the Beverly Hills Fine Art Collection and proposed characteristics for the new Public Art Program in public places in the City. The goal is to develop a process to guide public art program development, public art acquisition, funding, and partnerships.

3. Financial Update

Senior Recreation Supervisor Paul Paolone reported on the Fine Art fund and informed on pending permits and fees.

4. Artwalk Map Brochure

Commissioner Rubins shared an updated mockup of the artwalk map brochure. The map includes an overview of all artworks within the City for self-guided tours. Additionally, a draft layout of the Beverly Hills art galleries was shared and can be finalized once size type is approved. To complete the brochure, the Commission will need to decide on finishing touches on artwork, verbiage and a messaging from the Arts and Culture Commission.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Kusama Artwork Update**
Fabrication work on the new stainless-steel Hymn of Life is paused. Art Bronze has been closed due to the COVID-19 public health closure order. The original fiberglass piece is

currently in storage in New York, waiting for the Kusama exhibit to take place in spring of 2021.

- **Nechita Artwork Update**
Final approval on installation costs were procured from the donor artist. The agreement is with city staff and once in draft form, it will move for approval by the donor artist. Based on her approval, it will be presented to City Council in August for a final location and donation agreement approval. Once the agreement is finalized, staff will present an installation timeline to the Commission.
- **Ai Weiwei Artwork Update**
The City received the financial donation and is currently being processed by the Charitable Donations Foundation. The agreement with the shipping company is in place. Shipping prices have decreased slightly, but not enough to meet the approved budget. Staff continues to monitor the shipping costs and will attempt to stay within the approved contingency amount.
- **Greystone Theatre Programming**
Staff filmed six performances in the theatre including singing, instrumental, and poetry. Staff is working with BHTV to edit the videos and secure a slot to air on television. The videos will be airing once completed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art and Public Art (Smooke, Vahn)
 - Cultural and Events (Frank, Vahn)
 - Education and Outreach (Rubins, Filipovic)Chair Smooke and Vice Chair Frank recommended and implemented the Ad Hoc Committees as presented. The new committees reflect the current needs of the Commission and Commissioners have been reassigned.
 - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
- Information only items
 - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 14, 2020 / 12:07 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 11th day of August 2020.


Michael Smooke, Chairperson