



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: September 8, 2020 / 10:01 am

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Jenny Rogers,  
Patty Acuña, Adrine Ovasapyan, Lolly Enriquez, 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 August 11, 2020.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Frank 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

### 2. 2020 Conflict of Interest Code – Arts and Culture Commission

Chief Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez provided a general overview of the 2020 Conflict of Interest Code noting one change: where the bottom of page 7 says \$460, but will change to \$500. The Conflict of Interest Code is required by the Political Reform Act and the FPPC Regulations.

Motion:            MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Chair Smooke to approve the changes for the 2020 Conflict of Interest Code (5-0).

AYES:            Commissioners Filipovic, Vahn, and Rubins, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke  
NOES:            None  
ABSENT:          None  
ABSTAIN:        None  
CARRIED

### 3. Request to Relocate Public Art at 9242 Beverly Blvd.

Developer NBBJ's representatives Yuri Suzuki, Jonathan Nichols, Rick Poulos, and Robert Norwood, presented renderings to demonstrate the relocation request of artwork *Falling Water* by Jack Zajac from the inside of the building located at 9242 Beverly Blvd. to the outside of the building. The bronze sculpture will be more visible from both Maple Dr. and Beverly Blvd. as it will sit in an elevated planter. The intent of the relocation is for the artwork to be more visually prominent and enjoyed by the public. The Commission suggested adding lighting to the sculpture for increased visibility in the evening and the representatives agree.

Motion:            MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Frank to approve relocating the sculpture from the interior of the building and placing at corner of Beverly Blvd. and Maple Dr. on the condition there are up lights so that the sculpture will show during the day and in the evening (4-0).

AYES:            Commissioners Vahn, and Rubins, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke  
NOES:            None  
ABSENT:          None  
ABSTAIN:        Commissioner Filipovic  
CARRIED

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **4. Financial Update**

Recreation Supervisor Adrine Ovasapyan reported on the Fine Art fund and informed on pending permits and fees.

### **5. Artwalk Map Brochure**

Commissioner Rubins shared that the project is on hold due to the Nechita and Zajac sculptures. Since the artworks are potentially relocating, the printed map brochure will need to be amended to reflect artwork locations. Staff recommended printing smaller versions of the paper publication and specifying which edition it is on the map brochure with the addition of text instructing the reader to reference the online version which will provide the most up-to-date information. Adding to staff recommendations, Commissioner Rubins suggests adding a reference to the QR code for the most current information.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Nechita Artwork Update**  
Staff discussed the agreement concerns with the art donors specifically the terms regarding obligation to display. The City Attorney's Office advised that the City has the latitude to make a business decision other than what City Attorneys are best recommending. Staff strives for a compromise between of the City and the donors to protect both parties' interests.
- **Ai Weiwei Artwork Update**  
The artwork passed customs at LAX and is currently at the fabricator. Staff was able to view the piece which is in great condition. The fabricator will be creating the plinth base for approximately 10 weeks. During that time, staff will be working on engineering studies pull permits, and prepare for installation. A project timeline will be developed soon with an installation date that will be shared with the Commission.
- **Greystone Theatre Programming and Concerts on Canon Programming**  
Performances taped at Greystone Theatre started airing on BHTV on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> will mark the last performance. Concerts on Canon take place every Thursday on BHTV with the last performance airing on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fall Virtual Art Show**  
The Fall Art Show will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and will be virtual again. If County permits, there may be onsite programming such as painting or jewelry-making workshops.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair's report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Art and Public Art (Smooke, Vahn)  
Chair Smooke and Director Rogers informed that art consultants Karen Constine and Jessica Cusick are working on a revised public art draft and will bring the document to the Commission for further discussion and feedback. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee is reviewing specific sculptures that need landscaping revisiting and bringing recommendations

- to the Commission for approval.
- Cultural and Events (Frank, Vahn)  
Vice Chair Frank and Director Rogers informed that the TZ Projects and The Wallis partnership and the Beyond 2020 partnership with United Talent Agency (UTA) will be up for discussion at the upcoming City Council meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. These projects are part of the Inter-Commission Initiative – Embrace and Celebrate Culture.
- Education and Outreach (Rubins, Filipovic)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's Report
  - a) Director Rogers shared information on an upcoming county and city art summit. Art consultants Karen Constine and Jessica Cusick continue to share opportunities that staff will share with the Commission, the Arts and Culture website, and social media accounts.
- Information only items
  - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: September 8, 2020 / 12:30 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

  
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Michael Smooke, Chairperson