



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 16, 2021 / 10:01 am

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Kristin Buhagiar, Paul Paolone, Adrine Ovasapyan, Aida Thau, Meena Janmohamed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

One public comment by Alan Kaye was read regarding an item not on the agenda.

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 February 09, 2021.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Emergency Management Manager Meena Janmohamed provided the Commission with an update on COVID-19 vaccines. The presentation included information on the City's continued response, vaccine distribution information, and resources for residents.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Financial Update and Fine Art Fund Budget Expenditures

Senior Recreation Supervisor Paul Paolone reported on the Fine Art fund and informed on pending permits and fees. The Commission requested a detailed presentation of the total balance currently in the fund and the projected remaining balance to be included on a regular basis. Staff will include the report as part of the monthly packet moving forward.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Ai Weiwei Artwork Update**
Landscaping began a few weeks ago. Snow fencing is up to cover the area for approximately six weeks. The turf was replaced and red fescue has been installed. The plaque work is in process with the donor.
- **Friedman Artwork Update**
Staff is working with the Public Works Department to complete landscaping before current commissioners term out. Staff will provide a detailed timeline at the April 2021 meeting.
- **Nechita Artwork Update**
There is a consent item on the City Council agenda for March 16, 2021. If City Council approves the agreement, construction noticing begins the following day. The anticipated installation is April-May 2021. The median storm-water retention project begins in June, which requires median artwork to be covered during the remainder of the project.
- **Bove Artwork Update**
Chair Smooke and Staff will meet with Zwirner Gallery to discuss sculpture repair and artwork installation location once repaired.
- **New York Botanical Garden Kusama Exhibit Update**
The exhibit is scheduled to open April 10-October 31, 2021. Rosa Lowinger and Associates, the City's art conservator was selected to restore the original Kusama sculpture in New York.

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)
Vice Chair Frank and Commissioner Vahn shared that an event proposal in conjunction with The Wallis will attend the next commission meeting for discussion.
- Education and Outreach (Rubins, Filipovic)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
Director Jenny Rogers informed the Commission of potential available funding from the Relief Act for the City. Staff is sharing funding opportunities to arts and cultural organizations in the community.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 16, 2021 / 11:30 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 13th day of April 2021.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson