



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

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
10:00am

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Date/Time: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 / 10:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recording Secretary Linda Kyriazi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Chair Maralee Beck read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Pamela Beck, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol, Chair Maralee Beck
Commissioners absent: Liliana Filipovic, Deborah Frank
Staff Present: Patty Acuna, Paul Paolone, Corrina Lesser, Brandy Scott & Linda Kyriazi

Commissioner Frank arrived at 10:34 a.m.

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.

Public Comments for Tab 4: Mrs. Yamini spoke via Zoom on Tab 4, supporting the Love and Kindness Park in addition to two emails received and read by the Recording Secretary: Maurice Carriere and Joshua Krom additionally supporting Tab 4, the Love and Kindness Park.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

Interim Recreation Services Manager, Paul Paolone, requested that Tab 5, Arts and Culture Commission 2023 – 2024 Work Plan, be moved ahead of Tab 4 for better clarification. Chair Maralee Beck, along with the Commissioners, approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023.

MOTION by Pamela Beck, SECONDED by Karla Gordy Bristol to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: Commissioner Pamela Beck, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol,
Chair Maralee Beck (3/0)

NOES: None

ABSENT: Liliana Filipovic, Deborah Frank

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED:

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

2. Recreation Supervisor, Corrina Lesser, will provide a recap on Make Music Day. Recreation Supervisor, Corrina Lesser, provided a recap of Make Music Day that was held on June 21, 2023.
 - A short video was shown that captured several performances that took place during the successful 2023 Make Music Day.
3. Interim Recreation Services Manager, Paul Paolone, will provide a recap on Concerts on Canon series. Interim Recreation Services Manager, Paul Paolone, updated the Commission on the City's Concerts on Canon series that is halfway complete.
 - Attendance continues to go up each week. Shows are from 6pm – 8pm at Beverly Canon Gardens.
 - On August 3rd, a Rumba Acoustic Band will be performing acoustic Persian hits.
 - August 24th is the last concert for this 2023 series.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Arts and Culture Commission 2023-2024 Work Plan
The Commission was asked to review the status of the existing work plan items for adoption at the August 2023 Commission meeting. New work plan ideas should be placed on the agenda for discussion and approval by the Commission. The work plan should reflect the mission of the Arts and Culture Commission and fall in line with City Council Priorities.

Staff is asking the Commission to review the list of Arts and Culture Commission work plan items and bring forward any newly proposed items to the next meeting. The goal is to prioritize five items for the 2024 fiscal year.
 - Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, informed the Commission that if they have suggestions for events or programs to submit a

written proposal which will be included in the packet so they can be reviewed prior to being presented at the August meeting.

4. Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol will present her proposal for a Love and Kindness Park.

Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol presented her proposal to the Commission for a Love and Kindness Park.

- Three public comments were received for this Tab and read into the record.
- It was agreed to table this item and have it included in next month's work plan.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Financial Update

a. Fine Art Fund Update Report

- Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, provided an update on ongoing expenditures and pending in-lieu revenue as of the end of fiscal year June 30, 2023.
- In the month of June 2023, two in-lieu fees were collected via construction in the City.
- Year-end expenditures included the Kusama refabrication project in addition to routine maintenance to art pieces in the Fine Art collection.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

PROJECT UPDATES

- Arts and Culture Commission Updates
 - o BH ArtWalks – Guided Tours Summer series
 - Brandy Scott, Arts and Culture Program Associate, updated the Commission on the City's Art Walk which showcases the art located around City Hall campus.
 - The Art Walks are free and next one is scheduled for August 6, 2023 at 11am.
 - More details can be found at: beverlyhills.org/artwalk
 - Manager's Report
 - o Inside the Mansion – self-guided tours
 - Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, informed the Commission on the upcoming self-guided Greystone Mansion tours.
 - The next tour is scheduled for August 6, 2023 at 11am through 3pm. Reservations are recommended at: beverlyhills.org/Greystone
 - The tours will continue in the fall with a September 2, 2023 tour.
- Information only items
 - Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, reminded the Commission that the month of July is *Parks Make Life Better!* Month.
 - The next event is Wednesday, July 26, 2023, Shakespeare by the Sea, a free program being held at Roxbury Park at 7pm.

- Event Calendar
 - Chair Maralee Beck informed the Commission that two Commissioners would not be available for the September meeting and suggested going dark.

MOTION by Chair Maralee Beck, SECONDED by Commissioner Pamela Beck to go dark for the month of September 2023.

AYES: Commissioners Pamela Beck, Deborah Frank, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol, Chair Maralee Beck (4/0)

NOES: None

ABSENT: Liliana Filipovic

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED:

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
 - Reviewed
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck - Scott)
 - Commissioner Deborah Frank informed the Commission that they moved forward with fulfilling the information requested by City Council for the Judy Chicago piece.
 - This item is on the City Council's agenda for August 1, 2023.
 - Chair Maralee Beck requested staff inform the Commission when one of their items are on a City Council agenda.
 - Capital Projects (M. Beck, P. Beck – Paolone)
 - Major and Annual Events (M. Beck, Filipovic – Paolone)
 - Performing Arts, Heritage Initiatives, Community Engagement (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Paolone)
 - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (Frank, Gordy Bristol – Paolone)
 - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
 - Chair Maralee Beck reminded the Commissioners to come to the August meeting ready to share their ideas for the Commission's work plan.
 - Chair Maralee Beck informed the Commission that she has been contacted from those who have worked on Embrace and Celebrate Culture events in the past and this information will be presented at the August Commission Meeting.
 - d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

- Date / Time: July 11, 2023 / 12:01 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 8th day of August 2023


Maralee Beck, Chairperson

Decisions of the Arts and Culture Commission may be appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the Arts and Culture Commission's Action by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk. Appeal forms are available in the City Clerk's office. Note: Appeal Fee Required.

*If there are any questions about this agenda, please contact Paul Paolone, Recreation Services Manager,
310-285-6826, ppaolone@beverlyhills.org*