



**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, November 14, 2023  
10:00am

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 / 10:03 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Maralee Beck read the Civility Statement.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Pamela Beck, Deborah Frank, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol,  
Chair Maralee Beck

Commissioners absent: Liliana Filipovic

Staff Present: Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuña, Paul Paolone, Corrina Lesser,  
Brandy Scott, and Linda Kyriazi

Commissioner Liliana Filipovic arrived at 10:07a.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.

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Chair Marilee Beck switched Tab #3 with Tab #4, to accommodate staff's schedule.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023

MOTION by Deborah Frank, SECONDED by Pamela Frank to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: Commissioner Pamela Beck, Deborah Frank, Liliana Filipovic, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol, Chair Maralee Beck (5/0)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED:

**PRESENTATIONS**

2. Interim Recreation Services Manager, Paul Paolone, will present a recap on the Fall Art Show.

Interim Recreation Services Manager, Paul Paolone, informed the Commission on the successful Fall Art Show.

- The Art Show was held October 21 & 22, 2023 celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Year.
- There were 235 Artists with 11 mediums that covered 4 blocks of Beverly Gardens Park.
- The Beer & Wine Garden returned along with the Artist's Reception.
- Save the Date for the Spring Art Show: May 18 & 19, 2024. Applications for this show will open in a few weeks.

4. Arts and Culture Program Associate, Brandy Scott, will present a report on the Wallis Annenberg Campus as a suggested location for the installation of *Trinity* by Judy Chicago.

Arts and Culture Program Associate, Brandy Scott, updated the Commission on the proposed site for the installation of *Trinity* by Judy Chicago.

- Staff was informed that Artist Judy Chicago no longer supports Beverly Gardens Park as the installation location. The artist proposed a new location for installation on the northwest corner of South Santa Monica Boulevard and Crescent Drive on the Wallis Annenberg property
- With the new proposed site, the installation will require additional elements:
  - Excavation of the concrete base where the previous Lichtenstein sculpture was installed.
  - Re-route irrigation drip lines
  - Re-configure the lighting electrical grid
  - New concrete base and landscaping
- These items will exceed the original request for \$150,000 for ancillary costs. This will bring the overall acquisition and installation to a not-to-exceed cost of \$650,000.
- With the support of the Arts and Culture Commission, the proposed site and increase funding will be brought to the City Council Liaisons for approval and then brought before City Council for final approval.

After a discussion on the necessary needed expenses, in addition to the presented location, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Deborah Frank, SECONDED by Pamela Frank: I move that the Arts and Culture Commission approve staff and the ad hoc's recommendation of the Wallis Annenberg Performing Arts Center as the installation site for the Judy Chicago sculpture *Trinity*. Additionally, we approve the allocation of an additional \$100k in ancillary costs to cover the excavation and site build of the installation site. This would bring the overall not-to-exceed total to \$650,000 for the acquisition and installation of *Trinity* by Judy Chicago.

AYES: Commissioner Pamela Beck, Deborah Frank, Chair Maralee Beck (3/0/2)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Liliana Filipovic, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol

PASSED:

### CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Recreation Supervisor, Corrina Lesser, will present a summary of the Ad Hoc discussion for Festival BH in 2024.

Recreation Supervisor, Corrina Lesser, updated the Commission on the Performing Arts and Annual Events Ad Hoc meeting that included Vice Chair Gordy Bristol and Commissioner Filipovic for Festival BH in 2024.

- Proposed festival dates and locations were reviewed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual festival. A summer festival being held in July 2024 was agreed upon.
- It was discussed to move the festival from the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market to Roxbury Park. This is to have a more expansive roster and to increase the footprint of the festival.
- A creative program was discussed reviewing the programs and performances.
- The Festival should represent the community of Beverly Hills.

After a discussion on including the Beverly Hills High School, the summer suggested dates and parking, the following motion was made:

MOTION by Vice Chair Gordy Bristol, SECONDED by Commissioner Filipovic: I move that we move forward with planning a Festival Beverly Hills at Roxbury Park for 2024 summer months.

AYES: Commissioner Pamela Beck, Liliana Filipovic, Deborah Frank, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol, Chair Maralee Beck (5/0)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PASSED:

The event will move forward to the City Council liaisons for approval.

## 5. 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 October 31, 2023.
- No in-lieu payments nor deposits were received for the month of October 2023.
- The expenditures for October 2023 were minimal basic maintenance for the art pieces along Beverly Gardens Park for the Art Show.

### b. Fine Art Obligation

9000 Wilshire Boulevard - *Carte Blanche* by Heather Day update

Arts and Culture Program Associate, Brandy Scott, informed the Commission on the developer owned art *Carte Blanche* by Heather Day.

- April 19, 2022 – *Carte Blanche* by Heather Day was presented at the Arts and Culture Commission Special meeting for consideration as the Fine Art Obligation installation for 9000 Wilshire Boulevard. The piece was well-received and approved by the Commission.
- November 7, 2023 – The Fine Art/Public Art Ad Hoc Commissioners, Deborah Frank and Pamela Beck, attended a site visit to approve the installed piece matched the original proposal.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### 1. Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- Artwalk Guided Tour update
  - The current art walks explore Beverly Gardens Park.
  - The November 5, 2023 art walk was enjoyed by both registered and walkup attendees.
  - The last art walk for this year is scheduled for December 10, 2023 at 11am and there are still openings to register at [Beverlyhills.org/artwalk](https://Beverlyhills.org/artwalk)
- Manager's Report
  - Inside the Mansion recap
    - The final 2023 Inside the Mansion was held on November 4, 2023 as Greystone is now preparing for *Holidays at Greystone* scheduled for December 2 & 3, 2023. Inside the Mansion will return in January 2024.
  - Farmers' Market Fall Funtastic / Dia de los Muertos recap
    - Recreation Supervisor, Corrina Lesser, provided a recap to the Commission on the Fall Funtastic and Dia de los Muertos event which included both the Library display and the Farmers' Market event that was held on Sunday, October 29, 2023.
    - The movie *Coco* was screened at the Library Auditorium.
  - Greystone in the Movies *The Holiday* on December 8 & 10 update

- Tickets will go on sale for Beverly Hills residents on November 28<sup>th</sup> and for non-residents on November 30, 2023 via [beverlyhills.org/Greystone](http://beverlyhills.org/Greystone)
- A tour of the dining room of Greystone, where scenes were filmed, will be prior to the film screening.
- Community Services updates
  - Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on the status of the open positions in the division.
- Information only items
  - Holidays at Greystone
    - Tickets are still available for December 2 & 3, 2023.
    - A reminder to bring an unwrapped toy for the Spark of Love Toy Drive.
  - Craft Fair at Farmers' Market with Cookie Baking Contest
    - This event is being held Sunday, December 10, 2023 from 8am to 1pm.
    - Register for the cookie baking contest at [beverlyhills.org/farmersmarket](http://beverlyhills.org/farmersmarket)
    - Local vendors will be displaying their unique crafts for sale.
- Event Calendar
  - Reviewed.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
    - Chair Maralee Beck informed the Commission that the November 2023 Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was cancelled due to the City being one of the two locations in Los Angeles where an organization called Bring Them Home Now brought four speakers to City Hall to tell their first-hand reports of their experience on October 7, 2023.
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck - Scott)
    - Heritage Initiative (M. Beck, D. Frank – Paolone)
      - Chair Maralee Beck reported on the Heritage Initiative meeting with Commissioner Frank and staff on how to present the history of Beverly Hills to the world when the 2028 Summer Olympics comes to Los Angeles.
    - Performing Arts and Annual Events (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Lesser)
      - Commissioner Filipovic noted that Festival BH was previously discussed.
    - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (M. Beck, Gordy Bristol – Paolone)
  - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
    - Chair Maralee Beck informed the Commission about attending a Library Council event with Rosa Lowinger, who is part of RLA Associates, who curated our art collections. Her fascinating book is titled, *Dwell Time: A Memoir of Art, Exile, and Repair*. During her presentation, she included the City of Beverly Hills' art piece by Tony

Smith, "Playground," that's located in Beverly Garden Park, which had been graffitied during the demonstrations from years back. She explained how she was able to remove the graffiti and restore the piece.

- The closure of Canon Drive has been extended for another year as the construction of the Metro continues. The artist of the mural, Tomokazu Matsuyama, has agreed to extend his work for another year.
- Commissioner Filipovic reminded the Commission of Thursday's, November 16, 2023, Annual Rodeo Drive Holiday Lighting Celebration from 5pm – 8pm. The event is free.
- Vice Chair Gordy Bristol shared that a gallerist informed her of an art event she'd like to make the Commission aware of. Staff to research first.
- Vice Chair Gordy Bristol requested that the web site for Arts & Culture be placed on future agendas.

d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

## ADJOURNMENT

- Date / Time: November 14, 2023 / 11:32 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 12th day of December 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, Interim Recreation Services Manager, 310-285-6826, [ppaolone@beverlyhills.org](mailto:ppaolone@beverlyhills.org)*