



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
10:00am

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 / 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

Chair Maralee Beck read the Civility Statement.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuña, Matthew Brown, Corrina Lesser, and Linda Kyriazi

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 requested that due to the schedule of Public Works staff, that Tab 2, Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates, be moved ahead of Tab 1, Consent Calendar.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, will update the Commission on the proposed Water and Wastewater Rates.

Shana Epstein, Director of Public Works, along with Robert Welch, Utilities General Manager, reviewed the mailing that was sent to Beverly Hills residents regarding the proposed Water and Wastewater Rates.

- The mailing notes their attendance at the February 20, 2024, City Council Meeting to present these proposed rate adjustments.
- Everyone is going to have a different effect with their rates. There is a cost calculator on their web site: www.beverlyhills.org/departments/publicworks/waterrateadjustments/
- There will be two Town Hall Meetings: January 17, 2024, and February 1, 2024, at 6pm at Beverly Hills City Hall.
- The Public Works Commission will be reviewing this on February 8, 2024, at 8am at Beverly Hills City Hall.
- For questions email askPW@beverlyhills.org or call 310-285-2467.
- If you disagree, you may send in a protest vote to the City Clerk's office which needs to be received by mail.
- The City has been doing a great job in conserving and reducing water on a consistent basis.
- Vice Chair Gordy Bristol asked about observing wasted water and was informed to take a photo, include location, and email to askPW@beverlyhills.org

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023.

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

AYES:	Commissioner Pamela Beck, Liliana Filipovic, Deborah Frank, Chair Maralee Beck (4/1)
NOES:	Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
CARRIED:	

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Financial Update

a. Fine Art Fund Update Report

Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on ongoing expenditures and pending in-lieu revenue as of December 31, 2023.

- No construction deposits were received for the month of December 2023.
- No new in-lieu payments were received for the month of December 2023.
- RLA reported that under \$24,000 was spent for routine art maintenance.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

PROJECT UPDATES

1. Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- Artwalk Guided Tour update
 - Sunday, January 7, 2024, was the most recent ArtWalk.
 - The next ArtWalk is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2024. Registration is open at beverlyhills.org/artwalkguidedtour
 - The final ArtWalk of this series will be Sunday, March 3, 2024.
- Burton Way Median update

Patty Acuna, Assistant Director of Community Services, updated the Commission on the following:

 - The Burton Way Median is coming to completion. The artwork has been unwrapped. A cleaning will be scheduled with RLA to coincide with the opening.
- Kusama update
 - Kusama continues to work through the painting process.
- Judy Chicago update

Stephanie Harris, Director of Community Services, provided an update on the site visit at the Wallis Annenberg Center with Judy Chicago.

 - Public Works staff are currently working on renderings, along with final cost estimates. These items will be brought to the City Council in March 2024.

Manager's Report

- Information only items

Music in the Mansion update

 - This weekend is the kickoff of the 30th Anniversary.
 - To purchase tickets: beverlyhills.org/musicinthemansion
- Inside the Mansion update
 - Saturday, January 6, 2024, was the first Inside the Mansion for 2024.
 - Sunday, February 4, 2024, will be the next opportunity to visit the first floor of Greystone Mansion.
 - Reservations can be made at beverlyhills.org/insidethemansion
- Theatre 40: The Manor update
 - Theatre 40's popular The Manor play will be returning to be performed at Greystone Mansion.
 - A few remaining tickets are available at Theatre 40's web site: theatre40.org
- Beverly Hills Art Show update
 - The Spring 2024 Art Show is scheduled for May 18 & 19, 2024.
 - Artist applications are being accepted until February 21, 2024 and can be submitted at: beverlyhills.org/beverlyhillsartshow
 - The Mayor's Purchase Award, a painting, has been delivered and staff, along with Mayor Gold, are working on a final location.
- Event Calendar

Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, highlighted an item from the Community Services Event Calendar:

- Greystone in the Movies: Wednesday & Thursday, January 10 & 11, 2024, the film, The Bodyguard, will be shown in the Greystone Theatre, along with a short tour of locations that were shot inside Greystone Mansion. Tickets are available at: beverlyhills.org/greystoneinthemovies
- The films that are selected to be shown at the Greystone Theatre are ones that were filmed at Greystone Mansion.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights

- Last night's January 2024 meeting was cancelled.
 - At the December 2023 meeting, half of the Commissions rotated their Chair at the end of the calendar year. Those departing were thanked for their service.
 - Mayor Gold informed the Commissioners that the health-related services are undergoing reorganization to the Fire Department to allow emergency services, along with the nurse practitioners, to take health care to where the patients are: in their homes, offices, at the schools as well as the clinics; to take care of vulnerable people where they are.
 - Mayor Gold also discussed security with the Police, along with private security, to be at full staffing.

- b) Ad Hoc Committees

- Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck - Scott)
 - Heritage Initiative (M. Beck, D. Frank – Paolone)
 - Chair Maralee Beck provided an update: The ad hoc met several times to clarify the development of resources that would enhance resident and visitor understanding, engagement and experiences of arts & culture within the City of Beverly Hills.
 - Several cultural asset maps were reviewed that could serve as models for showcasing Beverly Hills' history along with contemporary culture offerings.
 - The ad hoc will meet again on January 29, 2024.
 - Performing Arts and Annual Events (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Lesser)
 - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (M. Beck, Gordy Bristol – Paolone)

- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

- Commissioner Gordy Bristol recognized the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on January 15, 2024 by speaking on the background and history of Dr. King.
 - Dr. Martin Luther King used the power of words and actions of nonviolent resistance.
 - Our Arts & Culture Commissioners are unified in wanting to celebrate his legacy and we hope to have more programs within our department.

- Further information can be found at the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change: thekingcenter.org
 - We hope that you will be celebrating this holiday initiating your own acts of peace, equality and inclusive community engagement.
- d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, February 13, 2024.
- e) For more information about Community Services visit beverlyhills.org/artsandculture

ADJOURNMENT

- Date / Time: January 9, 2024 / 10:48 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 13th day of February 2024


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 Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, 310-288-2254, mbrown@beverlyhills.org