



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
10:00am

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 / 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator – Historic Site, 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, Paul Paolone, Corrina Lesser,
Brandy Scott, Sara Scrimshaw, Adrine Ovasapyan, and Linda
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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 approved the Agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023.

Vice Chair Gordy Bristol requested the following edits:

- Under Tab 2, change the ampersand to a hyphen in the “Little Amal & Wallis Collaboration” title.

Chair Maralee Beck called for a recess at 10:11 a.m.
The Commission reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

- Page 4, 3rd paragraph, delete the second sentence: Four proposals were new Work Plan proposal items and will remain on the list for future consideration once a current work plan is completed and replace it with the following sentence: the other new Work Plan Proposals will be added to the Work Plan reserve list for future consideration.

MOTION by Vice Chair Gordy Bristol, SECONDED by Filipovic to move forward with the new language with just 2 changes: one is put the hyphen as is per the initial proposals and on page 4 to clarify the language: the 2nd sentence of that 3rd paragraph to read as I stated: the other Work Plan Proposals will be added to the Work Plan reserve list for future consideration. (2/3)

AYES:	Commissioner Liliana Filipovic, Vice Chair Karla Gordy Bristol
NOES:	Commissioner Pamela Beck, Deborah Frank, Chair Maralee Beck
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
FAILED:	

MOTION by Chair Maralee Beck, SECONDED by Commissioner Frank to approve the minutes with the grammatical change from the ampersand to a hyphen. (4/1)

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

2. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023.

Vice Chair Gordy Bristol requested the following word change: Page 6, change the word “suggested” to “shared.”

MOTION by Chair Maralee Beck, SECONDED by Commissioner Filipovic to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023 with the word change from suggested to shared. (5/0)

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

Commissioner Filipovic commented that the meeting minutes that were corrected were administrative so going forward consider other options.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Venue Coordinator - Historic Site, Sara Scrimshaw, will present a report on the 2024 Music in the Mansion season.

Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator – Historic Site, informed the Commission on the 2024 Music in the Mansion season.

- Celebrating 30 years of Music in Beverly Hills with seven concerts in Greystone Mansion living room.
- Dates: January 14, The Rarities; February 11, From Mozart to Stravinsky and March 10, Lower Voices.
- Reservations and more information at beverlyhills.org/musicinthemansion or call 310-285-6850.

4. Recreation Services Manager, Adrine Ovasapyan, will present a report on the Holidays at Greystone event from December 2nd and 3rd.

Recreation Services Manager, Adrine Ovasapyan, reviewed the Holidays at Greystone event that was held at Greystone Mansion.

- The sold-out event was held on Saturday & Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd from 10am – 4:30pm. There were four 90-minute sessions, 200 people per session with 800 people in attendance each day.
- Events included: Bob Baker Marionettes, Tree Maze, Storytime, Multicultural Displays, Craft Village, Roaming Carolers along with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

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 November 30, 2023.

- There is an increase from the previous month due to zero expenditures for the month of November and took in two new in-lieu payments.
- The two in-lieu payments were for 460 N. Beverly Drive and 8901 Olympic Boulevard.
- The Fine Art form line items were reviewed.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

PROJECT UPDATES

1. Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- Artwalk Guided Tour update
 - Brandy Scott, Arts & Culture Program Associate, provided an update on the final Artwalk of the year, which was Sunday, December 10th at 11am in Beverly Gardens Park. The Artwalks provide a great opportunity to learn about the City's fine art acquisitions which are led by volunteer docents.
 - The next Artwalk is scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 11am.
 - Registration for this free program is at beverlyhills.org/artwalk.
 - Staff is looking forward to organizing a Burton Way median pieces Artwalk.
- Burton Way Median update
 - The Burton Way Median is almost completed and the art pieces are unwrapped with one piece still needing to be uncovered.
 - The Art Conservators will be accessing all the art pieces in addition to providing a deep cleaning.
 - All the art pieces will maintain the same lighting as they had prior.
- Manager's Report
 - Greystone in the Movies *The Holiday* on December 8th & 10th update.
 - Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator – Historic Site, updated the Commission on the sold-out movie screening of *The Holiday*, that was shown in the Greystone Mansion Theatre that included a tour of the dining room where one scene was filmed.
 - The Greystone Theatre is available for rentals in addition to the Mansion and grounds for film shoots.
- Information only items
- 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 December Mayor's Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for this evening so she'll have a report in January 2024.
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck - Scott)
 - Commissioner Pamela Beck informed the Commission of the City Council Liaison Meeting regarding the Judy Chicago art piece that was approved to move forward to the full City Council.
 - Heritage Initiative (M. Beck, D. Frank – Paolone)
 - Chair Maralee Beck informed the Commission that Commissioner Frank met with staff to create a working proposal.

- Performing Arts and Annual Events (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Lesser)
 - Commissioner Filipovic informed the Commission of their ad hoc meeting where they further developed their idea of creating an International Festival Beverly Hills. Vice Chair Gordy Bristol added that staff is working to schedule a City Council liaison meeting.
 - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (M. Beck, Gordy Bristol – Paolone)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
- Commissioner Filipovic asked about the informational film that was shown at Greystone for the Anniversary and if it could be shown in the Greystone Theatre for visitors.
 - Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator – Historic Site, informed the Commission that the film was produced by the Beverly Hills Historical Society and there is a link to the film on the Greystone Mansion website.
 - There is a different film also produced by the Beverly Hills Historical Society that is shown that is just about Greystone.
 - Director Stephanie Harris introduced Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, as the new Arts & Culture Manager.
- d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, January 9, 2024.
- e) For more information about Community Services visit beverlyhills.org/artsandculture

ADJOURNMENT

- Date / Time: December 12, 2023 / 11:19 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 9th day of January 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 Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, 310-285-6826, ppaolone@beverlyhills.org