



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, February 13, 2024
10:00 a.m.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Date/Time: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 / 10:02 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, Matthew Brown, Paul
Paolone, Brandy Scott, Sara Scrimshaw, David Borunda, 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 Maralee Beck approved the agenda as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of January 9, 2024.

MOTION by Deborah Frank, SECONDED by Vice Chair Gordy Bristol to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: Commissioner Pamela Beck, Liliana Filipovic, Deborah Frank,
Vice Chair Gordy Bristol, Chair Maralee Beck (5/0)
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED:

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

2. Beverly Hills City Clerk, Huma Ahmed, will provide an update on the upcoming City Council election.

Huma Ahmed, City Clerk, informed the Commission on the upcoming March 2024 Beverly Hills General Municipal Elections.

- Beverly Hills has two current City Council seats up for election.
- Beverly Hills has consolidated its election process with Los Angeles County.
- Vote by Mail ballots have been mailed to all registered voters in Beverly Hills.
- Voting Options are: Vote by mail - USPS, Vote by Mail - Drop Boxes & Vote Center(s) - In Person Voting
- The Voting Centers are: The Beverly Hills Library Auditorium for 11 days, February 24th – March 5th, Roxbury Park, Clubhouse, 4 days, March 2nd – March 5th, La Cienega Tennis Center, Rodeo Room, 4 days, Horace Mann Elementary School, 4 days.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Venue Coordinator – historic site, Sara Scrimshaw, will provide a presentation on the Spring 2024 Greystone in the Movies Season.

Sara Scrimshaw, Venue Coordinator – Historic Site, informed the Commission of the upcoming movies scheduled to be shown during the Spring 2024 Greystone In The Movies Program held in the Greystone Theatre:

- March: The Golden Child starring Eddie Murphy (1986)
- April: The Big Lebowski (1998)
- May: The Trouble with Angels (1966)

CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. Financial Update

a. Fine Art Fund Update Report

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, provided the Commission with updates on the status of the Fine Art Fund as of January 31, 2024:

- A small in-lieu payment was received at the end of the month.
- RLA restoration will be taking place on some of the art pieces located within the Burton Way median, as part of the Green Street project completion.

- Building permits have been pulled that staff is tracking for construction projects in the future.
5. Staff will provide an update on lighting and landscaping options for Judy Chicago's *Trinity*.
Arts and Culture Program Associate, Brandy Scott, updated the Commission on the status of the acquisition of *Trinity* by Judy Chicago.
- On Tuesday, February 6, 2024, City Engineer, Ji Kim, presented lighting and landscaping options to the Public Art/Fine Art ad hoc along with the artists' gallery for review. Staff plans to meet with the Wallis Annenberg staff to share the options as the next step of the approval process.
 - The acquisition is scheduled to be presented to the full City Council during the Formal meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Project Updates
 - Staff will provide an update on RLA conservation work on the Burton Way Median and Rexford Mini Park.
 - RLA Conservation began providing a light routine cleaning on the five pieces of artwork installed on the Burton Way Median and Rexford Mini Park to celebrate the completion of Burton Way Median Green Street Project.
 - Staff have invited a Public Works Engineering team member to attend a future meeting.
 - More information on the project can be found at the Public Works website: beverlyhills.org/burtonwaymedian
- Manager's Report
 - Staff Update with an introduction to the new Recreation Coordinator.
 - Matthew Brown, Recreation Services Manager, introduced Community Services' new Recreation Coordinator, David Borunda.
- Information only items
 - Artwalk Guided Tours – next tour is on March 3, 2024
 - Music in the Mansion – final concerts on March 10, 2024
 - Inside the Mansion – next self-guided tour is on March 2, 2024
 - Beverly Hills Art Show – next show on May 18 & 19, 2024
- Event Calendar
 - Human Services Kindness Week February 11-17, 2024
 - Remembering Lives Lost - Flag Art Installation in Beverly Gardens Park through February 25, 2024
 - Department Showcase on March 10, 2024, at the Farmers' Market
 - Jewish American Heritage Month in May 2024. The schedule can be viewed at: www.beverlyhills.org/jewishamericanheritagemonth

- The first Art Workshop is *Unfolded Narratives, Family Fortune-Making Workshop*. The event is free, and the next session is Tuesday, March 5, from 5pm – 8pm at Roxbury Park Community Center.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report

- a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights

- Chair Maralee Beck provided information from the February 12, 2024, Mayor's Cabinet Meeting:
 1. Mayor Gold attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors.
 2. The Beverly Hills Police Department's Real Time Watch Center has become an attraction for other cities in the security field.
 3. The impact of the subway construction.
 4. The water & power rates are going up.

- b) Ad Hoc Committees

- Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck – Scott)
 - Heritage Initiative (M. Beck, D. Frank – Paolone)
 1. The Heritage ad hoc met with Andy Horowitz, Senior Project Coordinator, City of Los Angeles, who shared their south Los Angeles map guide as a way for Beverly Hills to proceed with highlighting their locations for diverse cultural activities.
 - Performing Arts and Annual Events (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Lesser)
 1. Vice Chair Gordy Bristol updated the Commission on the Liaison meeting they had regarding Festival Beverly Hills. The location of Roxbury Park was discussed in addition to date options. The Liaisons supported the event and the ad hoc will meet again to select a date. A full presentation will be scheduled for a City Council meeting.
 - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (M. Beck, Gordy Bristol – Paolone)

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

- 1. Frieze Los Angeles is returning on February 29 – March 3, 2024, at the Santa Monica Airport.
 - 2. After a discussion of subjects the Commission requested, it was agreed for staff to return with:
 - A presentation on the Public Art Program process, which includes an explanation of the variety of installations that take place, in addition to the work the Consultants provided.
 - The role for the Commission in Public Art.
 - The role for the Commission in Community Services and City ongoing programs such as: Art Show, Concerts on Canon and Music in the Mansion.
- Vice Chair Gordy Bristol acknowledged that February is Black History Month. This year's theme speaks to our Commission which is African American and the Arts, which offers a unique lens to

explore the profound impact African American artists have had on the cultural landscape of the United States. In commemoration of Black History Month, the Beverly Hills Public Library explores the rich tapestry of Black history through recommended readings and an inspiring window display, honoring the remarkable contributions of notable African Americans. More information can be found at: ASALH.org, the Founders of Black History Month.

The Arts & Culture Commission looks to represent many cultures and we look to bring more initiatives that do so.

Learning the cultures of others helps bring us together through understanding for more inclusion and kindness.

- Commissioner Filipovic informed the Commission of the upcoming Jean-Michel Basquiat *Made on Market Street* exhibit opening in Beverly Hills on March 7 – June 1, 2024, at the Gagosian Gallery, 456 North Camden Drive.

d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

e) For more information about Community Services visit beverlyhills.org/artsandculture

ADJOURNMENT

- Date / Time: February 13, 2024 / 11:26 a.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 12th day of March 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