



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: July 13, 2021 / 10:00 am

**SWEARING IN COMMISSIONER BECK AND COMMISSIONER GORDY BRISTOL**

City Clerk Huma Ahmed swore in Commissioner Beck and Commissioner Gordy Bristol.

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gordy Bristol, Beck and Vahn, Vice Chair Filipovic,  
Chair Frank

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Paul Paolone, Adriné Ovasapyan, Aida  
Thau, Christopher Paulson, Jessica Barragan

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

By order of Chair Frank, the agenda was approved as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 15, 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Filipovic, SECONDED by Commissioner Vahn to approve the minutes (3-0).

AYES: Commissioner Vahn, Vice Chair Filipovic, and Chair Frank

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Gordy Bristol and Commissioner Beck  
**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

None

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Introduction of New Staff – Recreation Services Manager Christopher Paulson**

Director Jenny Rogers introduced Recreation Services Manager Christopher Paulson to the Commission and informed them of his past work experience and of his current duties.

### **3. Ad Hoc Committees**

Director Jenny Rogers provided a recap of the 2020-21 Ad Hoc Committees to the Commission. Chair Frank presented her vision of the 2021-22 Ad Hoc Committees including Fine Art/Public Art Ad Hoc Committee (Frank, Vahn), Music and Community Outreach Ad Hoc Committee (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol), Cultural Events Ad Hoc Committee (Frank, Vahn), and Art Maintenance Ad Hoc Committee (Beck, Filipovic). Arts and Culture Staff will be supporting each committee and assignments will be provided at the upcoming commission meeting in August.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **4. Financial Update**

Paul Paolone, Acting Interim Arts and Culture Manager, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed on pending permits and fees. An additional \$88,875 was transferred as of June 2021 for a total of \$435,411 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

- **Friedman Artwork Update**  
Landscaping for the artwork is completed. The City is hosting an unveiling to celebrate the artwork, new landscaping, and plaque installation on July 15, 2021.
- **Relocation of Palumbo Artwork Update**  
The Arts and Culture Commission's proposed relocation of the Palumbo sculpture to Coldwater Canyon Park Fire Station was proposed to the Recreation and Parks Commission. The Recreation and Parks Commission accepted the proposal and staff confirmed with the Fire Department that the BHFD would support moving the artwork

there. The proposed relocation will now move forward to the Arts & Culture Council Liaisons and the full Council for approval.

- Sing for Hope Beverly Hills Update  
A total of 16 pianos will be installed across the City. Artists are currently painting the pianos at the Sing for Hope studio in the first floor of the Courier Building. The program will be launched on August 5, 2021 at a Kick Off Event in the Wallis courtyard and on display throughout Beverly Hills through September 6, 2021. Staff are finalizing locations and methods for safely securing the pianos and working on the kick-off event details, which will be shared with the Commission as available. The pianos will feature a decal that includes info on the artist, donor information if appropriate and the website where visitors can find a map key to the piano locations and further program information.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Art and Public Art (Vahn)
    - Cultural and Events (Frank, Vahn)  
Vice Chair Frank and Commissioner Vahn updated the Commission on the *Embrace & Celebrate Culture* Initiative and program elements including *The Visions of the Future* project which activates empty storefronts and brings vibrancy to the community through temporary pop-up art exhibits. The most recent installation features artist James Goldcrown at the former Wolfgang Puck space location on 455 N. Canon Drive. An inaugural art reception and celebration ceremony will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.
  - Education and Outreach (Filipovic)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

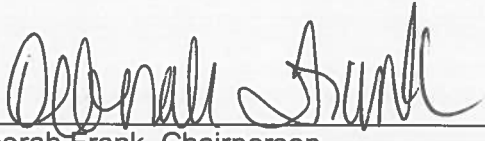
### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report  
The Assistant Director recruitment continues and an announcement will be made soon on final selection. The Recreation Services Manager recruitment is in process with interviews currently underway.
- Information only items
  - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings
    - i. The Regular September Commission Meeting will be rescheduled to a Special Meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 13, 2021 / 11:32 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah Frank", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Frank, Chairperson