



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Room 280A  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

and

Lavendar Inn Library  
210 East Matilija Street  
Ojai, California 93023

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: November 8, 2022 / 10:00 am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Filipovic read the Civility Statement

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Pamela Beck, Gordy Bristol, Frank, Vice Chair Maralee Beck,  
Chair Filipovic

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Ben Johnson, Paul Paolone, Adrine Ovasapyan,  
Corrina Lesser, 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.

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Chair Filipovic approved the agenda as presented.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022.

Commissioner Gordy Bristol noted corrections on her statement about the Art Walks. The correction was read by Recording Secretary Linda Kyriazi into the record.

Motion: To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022 with noted corrections: **MOVED** by Commissioner Gordy Bristol, **SECONDED** by Frank. (5/0)

**AYES:** Commissioners Pamela Beck, Gordy Bristol, Frank, Vice Chair Maralee Beck and Chair Filipovic

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**CARRIED**

2. Resolution of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same  
Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Arts and Culture Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: To approve the Resolution: **MOVED** by Frank, **SECONDED** by Gordy Bristol. (5/0)

**AYES:** Commissioners Pamela Beck, Gordy Bristol, Frank, Vice Chair Maralee Beck and Chair Filipovic

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**CARRIED**

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## PRESENTATIONS

3. **Community Assistant Grant Fund**

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, will update the Commission on the Community Assistant Grant Fund (CAGF) process.

Rachel Evans, Human Services Administrator, along with Enisha Clark, Human Services Specialist, provided information to the Commission on the Community Assistance Grand Fund (CAGF) process and how the Arts and Culture Commission can have an impact on future evaluation of cultural arts programming in the City.

- To ensure cultural arts grants are evaluated by those who hold specialized expertise in arts programming, the Community Services Department and its Arts and Culture and Human Services Divisions are seeking support from the Arts and Culture Commission involvement to better inform the City's review of cultural arts grant proposals and grant giving. As part of the Arts & Culture Commission's role in expansion of Arts and Culture in the City, arts consultants and city staff are advocating for greater support of local arts organizations and individual artists and in developing a larger role for the City of Beverly Hills in the arts and cultural ecosystem in the city and our region.

#### **4. Grant Policy Development and Guidelines**

Art Consultant Karen Constine, along with Jessica Cusick, will present proposed guidelines for art grants development and opportunities.

Art Consultant Karen Constine, presented the proposed guidelines for art grants development and opportunities.

Motion: To move forward with the Grant Development Policy as presented and to begin working on Phases 1 through 4. MOVED by Frank, SECONDED by Gordy Bristol. (4/0)

AYES: Commissioners Pamela Beck, Gordy Bristol, Frank, and Chair Filipovic  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Vice Chair Maralee Beck  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **5. Financial Update**

##### **a) Fine Art Fund Update Report**

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the current status of the Fine Art Fund as of October 31, 2022.

- The Fund had a positive net gain which continues to grow.
- A new in-lie fee was taken in the amount of \$28,575 for 411 N. Rodeo Drive, the Cartier Building.
- Additional payments for the Kusama pieces will be due in the coming months.
- Jenny Rogers, Community Services Director, suggested that staff from Community Development speak to the Commission about agreements with developers and their Fine Art Obligation.

##### **b) Fine Art Obligation** Tabled.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### 1. Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- Maintenance of Civic Arts and Fine Arts Collections
  - Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, informed the Commission that most of the City's art work at Beverly Gardens Park were cleaned in preparation for the City's Art Show that took place in October.
  - The art works on Burton Way continue to be wrapped and monitored for protection from construction.
  - The City's Kusama piece has moved from molding to the casting stage.
- Community Services' Updates
  - Arts and Culture Division Programs and Events
    - Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, updated the Commission on the remaining Art Walks for 2022, November 13 and December 11, both at 11am. These last two Art Walks cover the Sculpture Park & Architectural History of Rodeo Drive. Staff is revamping the tours for 2023.
    - Holiday Craft Fair & Cookie Baking Contest will be held at the Farmers' Market on Sunday, December 11, 2022 from 8am – 1pm. Additional craft vendors have been included for this event.
  - Art Show Review
    - Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, provided a recap to the Commission on the Fall Art Show.
    - The Art Show was brought back to the full scale, four-block pre-pandemic show, which included 234 artists. Fourteen of those artists were Beverly Hills residents.
    - The Children's arts & crafts area returned along with the beer & wine garden.
    - The Sunday morning artist reception & awards ceremony also returned.
    - The Mayor's purchase award went to the Arts & Culture Commissioner Pamela Beck.
    - The Spring 2023 Art Show will be their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
    - Director Jenny Rogers, along with the Commission, thanked Paul Paolone, Adrine Ovasapyan, in addition to the rest of the team, for their hard work in the planning and production of the Art Show and making it a success.
  - Holidays at Greystone Preview
    - Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the upcoming Holidays at Greystone being held at Greystone Mansion and returning to a two day event on December 3 & 4, 2022, 9 am – 5pm. Online registration is required at [beverlyhills.org/holidaysatgreystone](https://beverlyhills.org/holidaysatgreystone) in addition to booking the theatre for the Bob Baker Marionettes.
- Director's Report
- Information only items
- Event Calendar
  - Reviewed

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
    - Reviewed
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Arts (Frank, P. Beck – Rogers, Acuna, Johnson, Thau)  
Commissioner Frank informed the Commission that the Judy Chicago piece is moving forward.
    - Capital Projects (M. Beck, P. Beck – Rogers, Johnson, Davis, Thau)
    - Major and Annual Events (M. Beck, Filipovic – Johnson, Davis, Doyle, Ovasapyan)
    - Performing Arts, Heritage Initiatives, Community Engagement (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Johnson, Paolone, Doyle, Scrimshaw)
    - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (Frank, Gordy Bristol – Rogers, Johnson, Davis, Ovasapyan, Thau)

Chair Filipovic informed the Commission that the two Ad Hocs that she's on with Commissioner Gordy Bristol will be meeting on Monday.

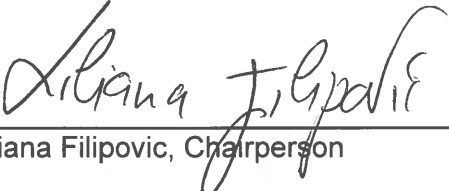
Chair Filipovic additionally informed the Commission that staff will be working with the Embrace and Celebrate Culture Ad Hoc Committee to plan for the 2023 Martin Luther King holiday on January 16, 2023.

- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
- d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 8, 2022 / 11:22 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 13th day of December 2022.

  
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Liliana Filipovic, Chairperson