



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 12, 2022  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: May 12, 2022 / 10:01 am

**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, Ben Johnson, Paul Paolone, Adriné Ovasapyan,  
Aida Thau, Jessica Barragan

**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.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 19, 2022.**

Motion: **MOVED** by Commissioner Vahn, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gordy Bristol to approve the minutes as presented with the correction to update Concerts on Cañon commence date from June 20, 2022 to June 2, 2022 (5-0).

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

NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

### 2. Public Works Department: Organics Recycling Program

Solid Waste Manager James Burnley presented new Public Works Department program to the Commission.

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 3. Fine Art Priority Exercise

Commissioners were presented with selection of fine artworks submitted by their colleagues on the Arts and Culture Commission for a discussion on which to pursue for possible acquisition. Four gallery representatives gave detailed presentations and answered questions on the following artworks:

- *Lucky* by Deborah Butterfield, LA LOUVER Gallery – Kimberly Davis
- *Trinity* by Judy Chicago, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery – Jeffrey Deitch
- *Reaching Out* by Thomas J. Price – Hauser & Wirth Gallery – Mike Davis
- *Untitled* by Pae White – 1301PE Gallery – Brian Butler

Each Commissioner voted on their top three choices. The first choice selection was *Trinity* by Judy Chicago, followed by Deborah Butterfield's *Lucky* and then Thomas J. Prices *Reaching Out*. Staff will be advancing the Judy Chicago sculpture recommendation to the Arts and Culture Council Liaisons for review and approval.

### 4. Financial Update

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed Commissioners on pending permits and fees. An additional \$0 were transferred as of April 2022 for a total of \$155,366.36 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

## PROJECT UPDATES

Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program  
The Beverly Gardens Park artworks will be cleaned during the week leading up to the Beverly Hills Art Show – Spring 2022.

#### Department Updates

- *Gatsby Redux*  
A dance and theater performance by choreographer Janet Roston's company Mixed eMotion Theatrix was a great success.. The event ran April 27 – 29, 2022 at Greystone Mansion & Gardens. The event had sold out performances.
- *Music in the Mansion*  
The production will be presented on Sunday, May 15, 2022, 2pm-5pm, at Greystone Mansion. The performance by ten classical music artists will begin in the courtyard, living room, and ending in the Greystone Theatre.
- Beverly Hills Art Show  
Celebrating its 49<sup>th</sup> year, the *Beverly Hills Art Show* will take place on Sat. & Sun., May 21 & 22, 2022, 10am-6pm. The show includes 150 juried artists in over three blocks of Beverly Gardens Park.
- Beverly Hills ArtWalk – Guided Tours  
The next upcoming tour is scheduled for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a Public Art and Rare Tree Tour.
- *Concerts on Cañon*  
The series spanning from June 9-August 25, 2022 on Thursdays, 6 - 8pm includes concerts of global music, jazz, rock, and fan favorites. Of special note, the Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> concert will be by group *Mostly Kosher*, artistically directed by Leaav Sofer, and in collaboration with The Skirball Cultural Center.
- *Beverly Hills Pride*  
Pride activities expanded this year via the *Embrace & Celebrate Culture Initiative* by bringing back a Beverly Hills Pride gobo, tree lighting, and a couple of concerts. One concert will be in collaboration with The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the Wallis, and the second special evening will be at Greystone Theatre featuring female-identified performers, musicians, and comedians. The proposal will be presented to the Arts and Culture Council Liaisons on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights  
Chair Frank presented a review of the meeting.
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Art / Public Art (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Acuna, Johnson, Paolone, Thau)  
Commissioner Vahn complimented the Art Docents on their success with the Beverly Hills ArtWalk – Guided Tours. Director Rogers informed the Commission of Rodeo Drive Committee's desire to have the Ambassadors provide information on the Rodeo Drive artworks to the public. Commissioner Vahn and Chair Frank suggested involving the Art Docents in this project. Director Rogers agreed that staff will work on identifying major artworks and collaborate with the Art Docents.
    - Music and Community Outreach (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol – Johnson, Ovasapyan, Thau)

Arts and Culture Manager Ben Johnson informed the Commission that *Make Music Day Beverly Hills* will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Historically, this is a day where music can be performed by anyone and anywhere. It is a national program. Staff is looking for special activities. Currently, there is an open invitation to the community to propose a project via the Arts & Culture website at [www.beverlyhills.org/makemusicday](http://www.beverlyhills.org/makemusicday). Commissioner Gordy Bristol requested for the City to provide permits to businesses that would showcase music performances outdoors and staff indicated they would discuss with the Citywide Special Events staff the City's permitting process.

- Cultural Events (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Ovasapyan, Thau)
- Art Maintenance (Beck, Filipovic - Paolone)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
  - a) Director Rogers updated the Commission on a recent closure of a Recreation Supervisor – Arts and Culture recruitment. This staff person will be a part of the Arts and Culture team and support the Department and the Commission.
  - b) An offer was extended to the top candidate of the Graphic Artist recruitment. The department has a backup plan should that candidate decline.
- Information only items
  - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

#### ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 12, 2022 / 11:55 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.



Deborah Frank, Chairperson