



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 14, 2021 / 10:00 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, Patty Acuña, Paul Paolone, Adriné Ovasapyan, Aida
Thau, Stephanie Harris, 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 Regular Meeting of November 9, 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Filipovic to approve the minutes (5-0).

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

NOES: None

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ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

2. A Resolution of the Arts and Culture Commission of City of Beverly Hills Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

State Law requires that each Commission adopt a resolution to continue conducting public meetings via teleconferencing and to allow for telephone public comment. The resolution must be adopted every month hereafter. It will be placed under Consent Calendar beginning November 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Beck, SECONDED by Commissioner Vahn to adopt the resolution (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

None

PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation of Mayor's Purchase Award

Paul Paolone, Interim Arts and Culture Manager, presented the Mayor's Purchase Awards for year 2020 and 2021. Every year, the sitting mayor makes an artwork purchase at the Spring Beverly Hills Art Show. Due to the pandemic, the Mayor's Purchase Award was postponed from spring 2020 to fall 2021 and included purchases from former Mayor Lester Friedman and current Mayor Bob Wunderlich. Councilmember Friedman purchased *Neon Fall* by Benjamin Gordon. The artwork is mixed paint on MDF and will be located at Roxbury Community Center's main hallway. Mayor Bob Wunderlich purchased Arctic by Karo Martirosyan. This artwork is glass and metal and will be located at Roxbury Community Center's front entrance interior.

4. Greystone Holiday Garden Presentation

Paul Paolone, Interim Arts and Culture Manager, provided an overview of this year's holiday arts & culture programming. This year offered a smaller scale celebration named *Greystone Holiday Garden*. The Community Services Department hosted this event on December 11th at Greystone Mansion and Gardens. The family-friendly holiday event featured outdoor holiday décor, hands-on arts and crafts activities and holiday themed games, and special *Winter Wonderland* photo opportunities for children and their families. Staff ensured to follow safety protocols and capacity limits by hosting outdoors and limiting entry to four time slots. The event sold out quickly due to high popularity.

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NEW BUSINESS

5. CS Admin & Arts Staff Acknowledgement

Director Jenny Rogers acknowledged community services admin and arts staff. Team members stepped into positions of leadership during staffing shortages and worked in Special Assignments, Acting and Filling Position Outside of Classification positions throughout this last year.

6. 2022 Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Dates

The Commission reviewed 2022 meeting dates. At this time, there are no conflicts to the regular schedule. If three or more Commissioners will be absent for a regular meeting date, a Special Meeting is called.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

7. Financial Update

Paul Paolone, Interim Arts and Culture Manager, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed on pending permits and fees. An additional \$24,750 was transferred as of November 2021 for a total of \$89,135 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

PROJECT UPDATES

- *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills Update*
Staff continues to regularly meet with the Frieze team and they have shared details about selected artworks to participate in the *Frieze Sculpture Garden Beverly Hills*. Artists cannot be disclosed at this time due to contractual agreements being finalized with participating galleries. Chair Frank and Commissioner Vahn are creating a docent program for *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills* and the subsequent three months when the *Frieze Sculpture Garden Beverly Hills* remains activated. Staff will provide a report on the selected artworks at a January City Council meeting for Councilmembers to provide feedback. The sculpture garden will be the first of its kind on the West Coast.
- *Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program Update*
Commissioner Beck requested a lighting report to assess which artworks in the City's Fine Arts collection are not lit especially as *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills* is activated. Recreation Supervisor Adriné Ovasapyan noted that some artists such as Ai Weiwei requested no lighting be installed for their artworks. The Burton Way Median Project artworks have been unwrapped by art conservator Rosa Lowinger and Associates (RLA). Staff is assessing artworks to ensure they are properly protected and may be wrapped again in January as the Burton Way Median Project moves forward.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art / Public Art (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Acuna, Paolone, Thau)
A Priority Setting Exercise will
 - Music and Community Outreach (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol – Harris, Ovasapyan, Thau)

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The City and Commission will participate in Make Music Day 2022 and the Ad Hoc is planning a grand musical program as part of the worldwide event.

- Cultural Events (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Ovasapyan, Thau)
- Art Maintenance (Beck, Filipovic - Paolone)

Commissioner Beck requested an artwork lighting report and an update on the Kusama artwork refabrication. Staff provided an update that the Kusama fabrication is in progress and CS staff are hoping the new authenticated sculpture will be ready by February 2022 for installation prior to Frieze week. As the production is very detailed and requires several stages of approvals from Ota Fine Arts Studio, staff doesn't want to rush this process. Staff also reported that they are working on a "Plan B" which would be to return the original sculpture from the New York Botanical Garden to Beverly Hills and reinstall the original piece. This option also has several variables that city staff are working through with staff from the NYBG.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
Director Jenny Rogers introduced new Arts Manager Benjamin Johnson to the Commission. His start date is January 4, 2022.
- Information only items
 - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 14, 2021 / 12:02 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 11th day of January 2021.



Deborah Frank, Chairperson

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