



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 12, 2022 / 10:00 am

SWEARING IN COMMISSIONER PAMELA BECK

City Clerk Huma Ahmed swore in Commissioner Pamela Beck.

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Ben Johnson, Paul Paolone, Adriné Ovasapyan, Aida Thau, Dana Beesen, Laura Ferguson, 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 Filipovic, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2022.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Gordy Bristol, SECONDED by Commissioner Frank to approve the minutes as presented (4-0).

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

2. Introduction of Community Services New Graphic Artist

Communications and Marketing Coordinator Dana Beesen introduced new Community Services Graphic Artist Laura Ferguson to the Commission. Laura shared her background in the field and her enthusiasm to have joined the City.

3. West LA Outdoor Summer Sculpture Festival – August 6 & 7

Director of Art Muse Los Angeles Clare Kunny and Associate Director of Special Projects Regina Mamou presented the upcoming event which is in partnership with UCLA, Hammer Museum, Century City, and the City of Beverly Hills. The West LA Outdoor Summer Sculpture Festival begins on Jul. 30, 2022 in Century City and continues on Aug. 6 at Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden at UCLA and on Aug. 7, 2022 at Beverly Gardens Park at Beverly Hills. Art Muse is also launching the West LA Outdoor Sculpture Guide (WLAOS Guide) which highlights public art sculptures included in the outdoor summer festival.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Ad Hoc Committees Year 22/23

Chair Filipovic led a discussion on Ad Hoc Committees for her year as Chair. The Commissioners made suggestions on committee subjects and clarified their strengths to best support upcoming roles. The Commission will solidify recommendations with Arts and Culture Manager Ben Johnson and he will work with Chair Filipovic to finalize the 22/23 Ad Hoc Committees.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5. Financial Update

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed Commissioners on pending permits and fees. As of June 2022, there was a total of \$161,366.36 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22. Two permits were issued in June and will be reflected in a future report.

PROJECT UPDATES

Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program
The fiscal year ended on Jun. 30, 2022 and staff is reviewing the survey conducted by RLA to identify which artworks need maintenance.
- Kusama's *Hymn of Life* Refabrication Progress
The sculpture is currently in between stages 7-9. Stage 7 is CNC mill refinement which is at 90% completion. Stages 8 and 9 are molding and stainless steel.

Department Updates

- Make Music Day Review
The second iteration of Make Music Day took place on Tues. Jun. 21, 2022. Several programs offered by the Community Services Department included a music and family storytime put on by the Beverly Hills Public Library at the Civic Center Plaza, a drum circle led by John Fitzgerald at Roxbury Park, Music Mends Minds program at Roxbury Community Center, Fête de la Musique by Ladurée where they played French music all day, and neighborhood musicians who coordinated a musical program on their own properties. Guitarist/songwriter Michael Tanenbaum and pianist/singer Selinda opened their homes for the community to enjoy an evening of musical performances.

Commissioner Frank exited the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

- Beverly Hills ArtWalk – Guided Tours
The guided tours are ongoing. The latest tour was the first edition of Public Art and Murals which took place on Sun., Jul. 10, 2022. Two more tours are scheduled in August and September. The August tour is on Aug. 7, 2022, and it will coincide with the West LA Outdoor Sculpture Festival. The September tour is scheduled for Sept. 11, 2022 and that tour will include the 9/11 memorial sculpture. Dates for October through December tours will be announced soon and will be in collaboration with the Beverly Hills Historical Society.
- Concerts on Cañon – Preview of the Season
The series continues every Thursday, 6 – 8pm through Aug. 25, 2022. Members of the band, Upstream, slated to perform on Jul. 7, 2022, cancelled due to COVID-19 and staff quickly adjusted to deliver a new program with a D.J. playing live music. Visitors were still able to picnic and enjoy an entertaining event despite the setback. The remaining concerts were previewed for the rest of the season. It has been noted that this summer's season has proven to be very popular and extremely well-attended.
- Arts and Culture Summer Programs
Summer workshops include Improv Theatre and Games—one class is on Jul. 26 & 27, 2022 and another on Aug. 2 & 3, 2022. The Jewelry Making Workshop is onsite at Greystone Rose Garden on Aug. 5 and 26, 2022. Photography with Marshall takes place at Beverly Gardens Park on Jul. 24 and Aug. 26, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
Chair Filipovic presented a review of the meeting.
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art / Public Art (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Acuna, Johnson, Paolone, Thau)

- Music and Community Outreach (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol – Johnson, Ovasapyan, Thau)
- 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

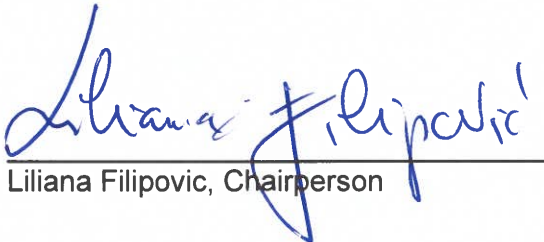
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
 - a) Arts and Culture Manager Ben Rogers and Director Jenny Rogers clarified the Embrace & Celebrate Culture Initiative to the Commission.
- Information only items
 - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 12, 2022 / 12:20 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 9th day of August 2022.



Lilitana Filipovic, Chairperson