



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

In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: February 14, 2023 / 10:01 am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, 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: Patty Acuña, Ben Johnson, Aida Thau, Paul Paolone, Adrine  
Ovasapyan, Corrina Lesser

**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 January 10, 2023.
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 Consent Calendar as presented: MOVED by Commissioner Frank, SECONDED by Chair Filipovic. (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

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beverly Hills Art Show Update  
Staff is seeking the Commission's feedback and suggestions for ideas on how the commissioners would like to be involved in the event.  
Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on suggested ideas for ways the Commission can participate in the 2023 Art Shows which will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - May 20 & 21 2023, 10am – 6pm, 4 blocks in Beverly Gardens Parks.

- The Commissioners provided suggestions to draw more traffic for the booths on the far ends.
- Vice Chair Maralee Beck welcomed the Recreation and Parks Commission to join in the Art Show events since the event is held in Beverly Gardens Park and additionally suggested including past Fine Art Commissioners along with those who were involved in renovating the park which includes the Lily Pond.
- Commissioner Pamela Beck preferred the Commissioners as Ambassadors walking through the Art Show highlighting the events scheduled for that day.
- Staff informed the Commission that both Commissions will be presenting the awards during the Saturday evening reception.

#### 4. Festival Beverly Hills

Staff will provide an update on the Festival Beverly Hills proposal that was presented to City Council at the February 7, 2023 session.

Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, provided an update on the Festival Beverly Hills proposal that was presented to City Council at the February 7, 2023 session.

- Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 8:00am to 12:30pm at the Beverly Hills Farmers' Market.
- The Inaugural Festival will feature: Culturally Diverse Activities, Expanded Kid Zone, Global Arts Workshops and Craft Making along with a Youth Food Competition that will be Oscar themed.
- Diverse Music and Dance Showcases

#### 5. Presentation of Music in the Mansion Festival

Ben Johnson, Arts and Culture Manager will provide a presentation on this upcoming event and provide an update on the talent that has been secured for this year.

Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, provided an update on the secured artists for Music in the Mansion Festival 2023:

- This year the concerts will be held as a festival-style event, taking place at Greystone Mansion on Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 23, featuring performances by nine groups over the four days.

#### 6. Financial Update

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

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, updated the Commission on the status of the Fine Art Fund as of January 31, 2023.

- A payment was made to the Kusama refabrication process.
- An In-lieu payment was received from 9200 Olympic Boulevard.

##### b) Fine Art Obligation

- 400 N. Rodeo Lighting Update
  - Aida Thau, Arts & Culture Program Associate, updated the Commission about the lighting on “The Golden Lasso” piece.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

### PROJECT UPDATES

1. Arts and Culture Commission Updates
  - Kusama
    - Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, update the Commission on the Kusama representatives’ inspection of the piece.
  - Artwork Maintenance
    - The pieces on Burton Way were inspected and rewrapped due to the construction.
  - Judy Chicago
    - Working with staff on the details of the installation. The final specs will be presented at the March Commission Meeting.
  - *Beverly Hills is Life* by Mr. Brainwash
    - Due to the damage of the piece in addition to the area construction, the art piece has been relocated to storage.
  - BH ArtWalks – Guided Tours
    - The docents were recognized at City Council for the 1-year anniversary of the BH ArtWalks.
- Community Services’ Updates
  - MADE in Beverly Hills
    - MADE in Beverly Hills was fully supported by City Council. Beverly Hills residents will be provided priority registration.
  - Mayor’s Youth Mental Wellness Event Update
    - Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the success Mayor’s Youth Mental Wellness Event.
  - Arts and Culture Division Programs and Events
- Director’s Report
- Information only items
- Event Calendar
  - Reviewed

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

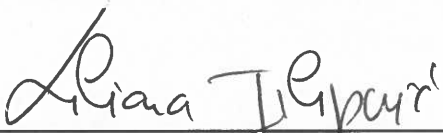
- Chair’s Report
  - a) Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting Highlights
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees

- Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck – Rogers, Acuna, Johnson, Thau)
  - 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)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
- d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 14, 2023 / 11:54 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 14th day of March 2023



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Liliana Filipovic, Chairperson