



**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, March 14, 2023  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date /Time: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 / 10:03am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Paul Paolone, Interim Recreation Services Manager, lead the pledge

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Filipovic read the Civility Statement

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Pamela Beck, Karla Gordy Bristol, Deborah Frank, Vice  
Chair Maralee Beck, Chair Lilian Filipovic

Commissioners absent: Karla Gordy Bristol

Staff present: Stephanie Harris, Patty Acuna, Paul Paolone, Aida Thau,  
Corrina Lesser

Note: Commissioner Karla Gordy Bristol arrived at 10:13am

**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 February 14, 2023.

Motion: To approve the Consent Calendar as presented: **MOVED BY** Commissioner Frank, **SECONDED** by Chair Filipovic

**AYES:** Commissioners Pamela Beck, Deborah Frank, Vice Chair Maralee Beck, Chair Liliana Filipovic (4/1)

**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Karla Gordy Bristol  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**CARRIED:** None

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## PRESENTATIONS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

2. Community Service Staffing Updates

Staff will provide an update on changes on staff positions

- Interim Community Services Director, Stephanie Harris, introduced Paul Paolone as Interim Arts and Culture Division Manager, Corrina Lesser as Recreation Supervisor for the Arts and Culture Division and Adrine Ovasapyan as Interim Recreation Services Manager for the Recreation Division.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Judy Chicago Proposed Acquisition

Staff will provide an update on the proposed acquisition of the sculpture *Trinity* by Judy Chicago.

- Arts and Culture Program Associate, Aida Thau, provided a presentation with updated information that relates to the acquisition of the sculpture *Trinity* by Judy Chicago. In the interest of the longevity and protection of the piece being displayed outdoors, a concrete base has been added by the artist to the design and installation of this artwork.

**MOTION:** Seeking approval on the proposed integral color concrete base designed by the artist, the recommended installation site on City Hall campus, Beverly Gardens Park as the alternative site, and the allocation of additional funds from the Fine Art Fund to cover the corresponding ancillary costs.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Deborah Frank, **SECONDED** by Chair Filipovic (5/0)

#### 4. Festival Beverly Hills

Staff will provide an update on the Festival Beverly Hills that took place on March 12, 2023.

- Interim Arts and Culture Manager, Paul Paolone, reported on the first inaugural Festival BH and its successful celebration of diversity. Interim Director, Stephanie Harris, spoke about the Commission vision for future iterations of the event as well the process for approval. She mentioned she would look into the possibility of a future on-site training to discuss the purview of the Commission.

#### 5. Financial Update

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

- i. Interim Recreation Services Manager, Paul Paolone, provided an update on three in lieu payments totaling \$59,895 in the month of February as well as the status of the Internal Service funds.

#### 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

##### PROJECT UPDATES

##### 1. Arts and Culture Commission Updates

- BH ArtWalks – Guided Tours
  - There were 11 guests in attendance at the March 5, 2023 Artwalk despite the rain, some traveled from Ventura and Orange Counties.
- Manager's Report
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Art Show
    - Jurying was completed and acceptance letters were sent on March 17, 2023.
    - Staff began working with contracted vendors and finalizing details for the reception.
  - Inside the Mansion
    - April 1, 2023 is the last scheduled tour before the collaborative tours offered through MADE
  - Music in the Mansion Festival

- Music in the Mansion is a 4-day Festival held in the Greystone Mansion Living Room April 20-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- Tickets go on sale for Beverly Hills residents beginning Monday, March 20, 2023
- MADE in Beverly Hills
  - A 4-day festival exploring art, architecture, design and landscapes in partnership with MADE, May 4-7, 2023
  - Tickets went on sale for Beverly Hills residents beginning Friday, May 1, 2023.
- Information only items
- Event Calendar
  - Reviewed

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's Report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
    - a. Emergency Preparedness workshop to be held at Roxbury
    - b. Extensive construction on commercial buildings along Rodeo Drive
    - c. Cultural Heritage Commission will unveil one of their shields
    - d. Hotline established to call in the event of a hate crime: 211
    - e. New green trash receptacles for organic and food scraps now available to community members
    - f. Phone number for BH ambassadors for assistance/escort in the business triangle 424.302.1487
    - g. Phone number for concerns about the unhoused 310.285.2468
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Arts/Public Art (Frank, P. Beck – Thau)
    - Capital Projects (M. Beck, P. Beck – Paolone)
    - Major and Annual Events (M. Beck, Filipovic – Paolone)
    - Performing Arts, Heritage Initiatives, Community Engagement (Gordy Bristol, Filipovic – Paolone)
    - Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative (Frank, Gordy Bristol – Paolone)
  - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.
    - a. Final Live with Lili to be held March 14, 2023 at 7pm in the Municipal Gallery
    - b. Business with Bosse will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm at Maestro's Steakhouse.
    - c. The new Mayor will be installed on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wallis
  - d) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

## ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: March 14, 2023 / 12:11 pm

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



Liliana Filipovic, Chairperson

Decisions of the Arts and Culture Commission may be appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the Arts and Culture Commission's Action by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk. Appeal forms are available in the City Clerk's office. Note: Appeal Fee Required.

*If there are any questions about this agenda, please contact Paul Paolone, Recreation Services Manager, 310-285-6826, [ppaolone@beverlyhills.org](mailto:ppaolone@beverlyhills.org)*