



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

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: January 11, 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, Patty Acuña, Ben Johnson, Paul Paolone, Adriné Ovasapyan, 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 December 14, 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Beck, SECONDED by Commissioner Gordy Bristol 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

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: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Commissioner Beck 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. Frieze Presentation from City Council Meeting on January 4, 2022

Frieze Director Christine Messineo presented the Frieze Sculpture Beverly Hills 2022 program to the Commission which included details on sculptures to be installed along Beverly Gardens Park in February 2022 as part of *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills*. Eight of the galleries are regional and include Beverly Hills gallery, Gagosian. The installation period is planned for February 1-8, 2022 and de-installed during the first week of May 2022. Frieze is working with the City on organizing a reception that is tentatively slated for February 10, 2022. The Commission shared some concern about Covid-related protocols, but Christine reassured Commissioners and the public that Frieze London and Frieze New York were successful events during the pandemic and Frieze Beverly Hills is following all required safety procedures.

PROJECT UPDATES

- *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills Update*
 - a) Commissioner Vahn commented on the docent program. The Frieze docent program will station one docent at each sculpture to provide a high quality experience for those touring. The docent program will then continue post-Frieze Week with the City's permanent Fine Art Collection and artworks installed as part of the Frieze Sculpture Garden Beverly Hills through the end of April, 2022.
 - b) The Beverly Hills Historical Society volunteered to offer materials to include in storefront window displays during *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills*. Commissioner

Beck and Chair Frank along with staff will meet and plan the activation of empty storefronts with the Beverly Hills Historical Society.

- **Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program Update**
Recreation Supervisor Adriné Ovasapyan provided an update on in-progress and future art maintenance. The sculptures on the Burton Way Median will not require cleaning prior to re-wrapping with continued work on the Burton Way Median Project. Staff is scheduling cleaning of artworks prior to Frieze Week. Sculptures at Beverly Gardens Park, City Hall Campus, Library, Rodeo Drive, Electric Fountain and the Brainwash pieces will be cleaned. This cost will be reflected in the upcoming month's Fine Art Fund update.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

4. Financial Update

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed Commissioners on pending permits and fees. An additional \$15,849 was transferred as of December 2021 for a total of \$104,984.36 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
 - b) Chair Frank shared that the wrapped artwork on the Burton Way Median was discussed at the meeting. One suggestion is to include images of the artwork on the construction fence around each sculpture. Staff and Commissioners came to a consensus that the images would bring more attention to the active construction site which is unsightly and would defeat the goal of attractively showcasing artworks during Frieze Week. In addition, there is no dedicated budget for this project, time and available staffing are being prioritized to focus on delivery of the Commission's community events and temporary public art projects as part of Frieze Week.
 - c) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art / Public Art (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Acuna, Paolone, Thau)
 - Music and Community Outreach (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol – Harris, Ovasapyan, Thau)
 - Commissioner Gordy Bristol commented on the Music & Outreach Communication Ad Hoc's plan to start organizing for the summer event, Make Music Day.
 - Cultural Events (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Ovasapyan, Thau)
 - Art Maintenance (Beck, Filipovic - Paolone)
Commissioner Beck praised the City's partnership with RLA for their work on sculpture cleaning and maintenance. .
 - d) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
Director Jenny Rogers informed the Commission on:
 - a) Arts & Culture Manager Ben Johnson is on board and will be supporting the Arts & Culture Division of the Community Services Department including the Arts and Culture Commission.
 - b) The Beverly Hills Historical Society volunteered to offer materials to include in storefront window displays during *Frieze Week in Beverly Hills*. Commissioner Beck and Chair Frank along with staff will meet and plan the activation of empty storefronts with the Beverly Hills Historical Society.
- Information only items
 - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 11, 2022 / 11:17 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 8th day of February 2022.



Deborah Frank, Chairperson

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