



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: May 11, 2021 / 10:00 am

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Filipovic and Vahn, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rubins

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Paul Paolone, Adriné Ovasapyan, Aida Thau, Jessica Barragan

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

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 Smooke, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2021.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Frank to approve the minutes (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Filipovic and Vahn, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Rubins

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

2. Nechita's *Love Anatomy* Installation

Recreation Supervisor Adriné Ovasapyan and Director Jenny Rogers presented an overview of the installation. Images and a video of the event were shared with the Commission. Artist Alexandra Nechita and spouse Dimitry Tcharfas expressed their gratitude to the Commission and the City for their support during the donation process.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Financial Update

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed on pending permits and fees. An additional \$239,886 was transferred as of April 21, 2021 for a total of \$295,686 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Ai Weiwei Artwork Update**
The sculpture, plaque, and landscaping have been completed. The fencing has been removed. Staff continues to monitor COVID-19 safety guidelines to begin planning the dedication ceremony with United Talent Agency, Ai Weiwei, and The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Staff is working on an outreach partnership with the Skirball Cultural Center in promoting their current Ai Weiwei exhibition, *Ai Weiwei: Trace*, and to create synchronicity with the *Iron Root* artwork installation.
- **Friedman Artwork Update**
Staff received a final quote for the landscape work and it has been approved. Work is scheduled to begin on May 15, 2021 and should be completed by the third week of June. Fencing will be added when work is completed to allow ground covering to establish. A plaque dedication will commemorate the finalized installation prior to application of the snow fencing.
- **Kusama Artwork Update**
The City Council unanimously approved that the Art Bronze agreement be terminated and that the City move into a new agreement with the Patrick Rees's new company, The Big New. Patrick submitted a production plan detailing remaining project timeline. The projects are estimated to begin approximately May 24, 2021 and be completed by the last week of December 2021.
- **Bove Artwork Update**
Chair Smooke had positive correspondence with Zwirner Gallery. Artist Carol Bove is currently completing work on two major Bove exhibitions and the gallery busy with those

exhibits and the NY Frieze show. Commission and staff are waiting to meet to discuss next steps as soon as the artist and the gallery have ability to meet to discuss next steps. In the meantime, staff have reached out to Standard Sculpture to proceed with repair and restoration of the sculpture's surface.

- 9242 Beverly Blvd. Update
On April 22, 2021, property representatives met with City Council Liaisons and Chair and Vice Chair. Representatives requested the authorization to remove the existing lobby mural *Projector* by Terry Schoonhoven and replace it with artwork by artist Pae White. The request includes an amendment of Beverly Hills Municipal Code to authorize installation of new artwork in lieu of making a removal payment to the City's Public Art Fund. The Liaisons recommend moving the request forward to City Council. This project is currently scheduled to be considered by the full City Council on the City Council June 1, 2021 meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art and Public Art (Smooke, Vahn)
 - Cultural and Events (Frank, Vahn)
Vice Chair Frank and Commissioner Vahn updated the Commission on the *Sing for Hope Beverly Hills* program that the Cultural & Events Ad Hoc is currently planning as part of the new citywide Inter-Commission Initiative, *Embrace and Celebrate Culture* in collaboration with the Human Relations Commission. Director Rogers provided an overview of the newly developed inter-commission collaboration including cultural events and site-specific installations like the activation of empty storefronts in the business district. The ACC and HRC recently supported the Beverly Hills Next Generation on approval of special temporary art installation, *Visions of the Future*, to bring vibrancy to city-owned storefronts downtown as part of *Embrace & Celebrate Culture*.
 - Education and Outreach (Rubins, Filipovic)
Commissioner Filipovic announced that Beverly Hills High School is hosting a virtual gallery from April 21, 2021 through June 1, 2021 via Artsonia, arts fundraiser. The Head of the Art Department has connected with the upcoming Beverly Hills Art Show for youth interested in participating.
 - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities


COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
The City of Beverly Hills will host LA Frieze 2022. Director Rogers and the Commission propose printing artwalk map brochures in anticipation of the art fair.
- Information only items
 - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings
Director Rogers announced the cancellation of the Regular Meeting on June 8, 2021. A Special Meeting will take place on June 15, 2021 at 10:00AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 11, 2021 / 11:06 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15th day of June 2021.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson