



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 North Rexford Drive  
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In-person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: September 13, 2022 / 10:00 am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Maralee Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

Chair Filipovic read the Civility Statement

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Frank

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Ben Johnson, Paul Paolone, Adrine Ovasapyan,  
Aida Thau

Commissioner Frank arrived at 10:03 am

**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 August 9, 2022.
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: MOVED by Vice Chair Beck,  
SECONDED by Gordy Bristol  
AYES: Commissioners Pamela Beck, Gordy Bristol, Vice Chair Maralee Beck and  
Chair Filipovic  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Frank  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## PRESENTATIONS

### 3. North Canon Dr Closure Extension

Public Works Department Staff Will Update the Commission

Christine Chung, Project Manager Public Works, updated the Commission on the North Canon Drive closure extension in addition to the background mural.

- July 2018, City Council approved the closure for a minimum of two years to six years (2021 to 2025).
- September 12, 2022, Council approved an extension to June 2023 based on Staff recommendations and stakeholder's feedback.

The future of the mural was reviewed:

- In April 2019, City commissioned Artist Tomokazu Matsuyama and executed the Artwork contract with the following terms:
  - o The Artwork is intended to be temporary and will be destroyed upon removal of the wall.
  - o If the City wishes to preserve, retain, sell, or relocate the Artwork, must first gain approval with the Artist with the request made a minimum 90 days prior to the removal.

- In September 2019, Council reviewed potential options for relocation or repurposing of the mural in the future. High cost of skinning the wall (up to \$120,000) and delay in mural schedule.
- Repurposing and conservation of the Artwork in long term with significant expense, almost the same rough costs as the initial painting.
- As it was determined unfeasible with the Artwork Contract Terms, the mural was painted directly onto the wall without skin panels in November 2019.
- In the Summer of 2023, City staff will request City Council to consider whether to maintain the N Cañon Dr. Closure with the Mural wall beyond June 2023. If elected not to extend the closure, the wall with the mural will be destroyed.
- Wilshire/Rodeo Station is anticipated to open in-service by 2025. The mural will remain in place as long as the sound wall is in place.
- Chair Filipovic commented on the impossibility of creating a moveable wall piece for relocation and suggested the possibility of the City's schools as they're additionally going through construction.
- Vice Chair Maralee Beck thanked staff for researching the background on the mural and asked about future temporary sound walls for other street closures. Staff explained the future areas will need surrounding fencing; not walls.
- Ben Johnson, Arts & Culture Manager, recommended documenting a temporary piece of art prior to its leaving the City.
- Staff to return with information on payment of the mural in addition to the policy and protocol of City murals.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **4. New Recruitment Introductions**

Introduction of Recreation Supervisors Corrina Lesser and Norma Mower.

Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, along with Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, introduced the new staff members to the Commission:

- Corrina Lesser, Recreation Supervisor for the Arts and Culture Division
- Norma Mower, Recreation Supervisor for the Recreation and Parks Division

### **5. 2022 Conflict of Interest Code – Arts & Culture Commission**

Review of the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code

Motion by Frank, Seconded by Vice Chair Maralee Beck to adopt the 2022 Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Beverly Hills Arts & Culture Commission as presented. (5/0)

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

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 6. Financial Update

#### a) Fine Art Fund Update Report

- Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, reported on the Fine Art Fund. The Commission's balance is currently \$1,596,700. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of a positive net increase.
- July 2022, \$7,650 an In-Lieu Fee cleared for 327 N. Rodeo Drive.
- No new deposits have been received at this time for this fiscal year.
- The Internal Service Funds FY 22/23 has been low for this time.

#### b) Fine Art Obligation

No updates

## PROJECT UPDATES

- Arts and Culture Commission Updates
  - Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program

Adrine Ovasapyan, Recreation Supervisor, informed the Commission that the Beverly Gardens Park art will be cleaned in preparation for the October 2022 Art show. Priority 1 Art Work, most of which is located at the Burton Way median, will be maintained after the construction then on to Priorities 2 & 3. The only artwork covered at Beverly Garden Park is the Bove art piece that is currently covered. The Kusama art piece has not yet returned.
  - Judy Chicago Presentation to the Arts and Culture Liaisons

Commissioner Frank informed the Commission that the Judy Chicago art piece was approved at the liaison meeting and will now move to City Council for consideration. Next steps also include meeting with the City's architect and Public Works staff for preparation of estimates for installation, fabrication and transport of the art piece.
- Community Services Updates
  - Arts and Culture Division Programs and Events

Ben Johnson, Recreation Services Manager, relayed The Great Outdoors at Greystone event being held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 10am to 5pm at Greystone Mansion grounds. September marks the anniversary of Greystone as a dedicated public park. Attendees are encouraged to bring their sketchbook, nature journal or walking shoes.

Sunday completed the last tour of the Beverly Gardens sculpture park. A new tour will be announced for October through December 2022 which will be a collaboration with the Beverly Hills Historical Society.

The Farmers' Market will be hosting the Fall Funtastic on October 30, 2022 from 9am to 1pm. December will include a new Holiday & Baking competition event.

Greystone Mansion will be hosting a holiday event on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. The event will include both the gardens and inside the mansion.

- Beverly Hills Art Show Preview  
Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services, displayed the newly designed graphic art work advertising the October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 art show. The Art Show is returning full scale, with 4 blocks as previous years. The Children's Area & the Beer & Wine Garden are additionally returning.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights  
Chair Filipovic announced that the September Mayor's Cabinet meeting is scheduled for 5pm today.
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees  
No updates were presented at this meeting.
    - Fine Arts (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, Paolone, Davis, Ovasapyan, Thau)
  - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities
    - Vice Chair Beck thanked staff for the new Event Calendar that was included in their packets. Commissioner Gordy Bristol also expressed her appreciation of the combined Community Services Event Calendar.


#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
  - a) Director Jenny Rogers announced that the Commission's Recording Secretary, Jessica Barragan, has accepted a position with the City of Culver City. Staff, along with the Commission, wish her well.
  - b) Magdalena Davis, Community Services' new Manager, was introduced to the Commission in her new role.
- Information only items
  - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 10am.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 13, 2022 / 11:16 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

  
Lilianna Filipovic, Chairperson