



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

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: June 14, 2022 / 10:03 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, Aida Thau, 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 May 10, 2022.**

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Filipovic to approve the minutes as presented with the correction to update Concerts on Cañon commence date from June 2, 2022 to June 9, 2022 (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

- 2. Introduction of Police Chief Mark Stainbrook**  
Tabled.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 3. *Beverly Hills Pride 2022***

Arts and Culture Manager Ben Johnson provided the Commission with a recap of the inaugural *Beverly Hills Pride 2022* program which included official tree lighting and Pride Gobo. The celebration also included *Beverly Hills Pride Night: Pride Concert* at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts on June 2, 2022 and *Beverly Hills Pride at Greystone Theatre* on June 8, 2022. Both events celebrated the theme: *Beverly Hills Pride – A Celebration of Diverse Families and Communities*.

## 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 \$6,000 were transferred as of May 2022 for a total of \$161,366.36 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

## PROJECT UPDATES

- Arts and Culture Commission Updates
- Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program  
RLA Art Conservator is currently planning maintenance schedule based on their survey results.
- Kusama's *Hymn of Life* Refabrication Progress  
The sculpture is currently at stage 7 of the refabrication process and will soon be moving to stage 8: molding.
- Department Updates
- Music in the Mansion

The program which had been dormant for two years, returned as a reimagined evening soirée that hosted all the concerts in different areas of Greystone Mansion and Gardens.

- **Beverly Hills Art Show**  
The 49<sup>th</sup> year *Beverly Hills Art Show* took place on Sat. & Sun., May 21 & 22, 2022. The show included 150 juried artists in over three blocks of Beverly Gardens Park and 15 awards were given including best of show, Matt Budish.
- **Beverly Hills ArtWalk – Guided Tours**  
The Arts Connoisseurs Sculpture Tour and Sculpture Park and Rare Trees Tour took place on May 1, 2022 and June 5, 2022. Tours have been maxing out and the RSVP capacity will be expanded to accommodate guests.
- **Concerts on Cañon**  
The series spans from June 9-August 25, 2022 on Thursdays, 6 - 8pm includes concerts of global music, jazz, rock, and fan favorites. The first concert took place on Thursday, June 9, 2022 by artist *Mostly Kosher* and artistically directed by Leaav Sofer.
- **Make Music Day**  
The second iteration of Make Music Day takes place on Tues. June 21, 2022. Several programs offered by the Community Services Department include a drum circle, Music Minds singalong at Roxbury Community Center, music and family story time at the Beverly Hills Public Library, and Fête de la Musique by Ladurée.
- **Arts and Culture Summer Programs**  
Workshops continued in the summer include Photography with Marsha, Improv Theatre and Games, Jewelry Making Workshop.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- **Chair's report**
  - a) **Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights**  
Chair Frank presented a review of the meeting.
  - b) **Ad Hoc Committees**
    - **Fine Art / Public Art (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Acuna, Johnson, Paolone, Thau)**  
Commissioner Vahn acknowledged the completion of the Priority Exercise. She also informed that requests for private tours are coming through and suggested a meeting with staff to discuss the possibility.
    - **Music and Community Outreach (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol – Johnson, Ovasapyan, Thau)**  
Commissioner Gordy Bristol invited the public to participate in Make Music Day and highlighted the plans to make 2023 a great experience for the community. Director Jenny Rogers agreed with Commissioner Gordy Bristol and informed that Make Music Day will be enhanced every year moving forward. Arts and Culture Ben Johnson provided details on events hosted by Beverly Hills resident performers, but have not been confirmed yet.
    - **Cultural Events (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Ovasapyan, Thau)**  
Commissioner Gordy Bristol provided a statement on the federal holiday, Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day and Freedom Day. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved black Americans. It is also observed for celebrating African American culture.
    - **Art Maintenance (Beck, Filipovic - Paolone)**  
Commissioner Beck commended RLA for their conservation and maintenance of the sculpture garden which integrated incredibly with the

Beverly Hills Art Show. She shared the interest of turning the art docent script into QR codes for artworks in the Fine Art Collection.

- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

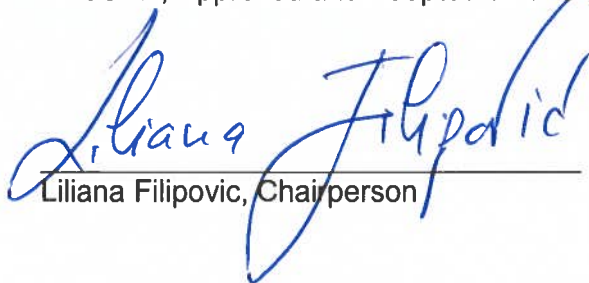
- Director's Report
  - a) New Graphic Artist Laura Ferguson start day is Monday, June 20, 2022. She will bring cohesion, sophistication, and style to the department.
  - b) Staff is wrapping up Community Services Manager and Arts and Culture Supervisor recruitments.
- Information only items
  - a) Farewell to Commissioner Vahn  
Commissioners and staff celebrated Commissioner Vahn's accomplishments and contributions to both the Fine Art Commission and Arts and Culture Commission.
  - b) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

#### **ROTATION OF THE COMMISSION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: June 14, 2022 / 11:40 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.



Liliana Filipovic, Chairperson