



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, August 16, 2018  
4:00pm

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: August 16, 2018 / 4:03pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

The Chair informed that Commissioner Kaye would participate in all discussions but he would not be able to vote at this particular meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Smooke, Kaye, Hiller, Vice Chair Vahn, Chair Rubins  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Patty Acuna, Jessica Barragan

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda. The Chair added some announcements in place of item 2.

MOTION by Vahn, SECONDED by Rubins to amend the agenda and approved as amended. All in favor. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2018.

MOTION by Kaye, SECONDED by Vahn to approve the minutes as presented. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Hiller  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED:

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 2. Presentation

#### 2a. UTA Gallery Presentation

This item was tabled for the August meeting. The Commission will hear the presentation from Josh Roth at a future time, as he is available.

The Chair read the Beverly Hills Fine Art Commission Ordinance to review the criteria for consideration of fine art by the commission. The Chair also thanked Kate Stern for initiating the Art Walk with the BOLD initiative. Deborah Frank led this art walk for a group of about 20 people to 4 art galleries in Beverly Hills. The Next BOLD Art Walk will take place on August 24 at 5pm and will visit 4 or more additional art galleries in the City.

### 3. Proposed Art Loan by Lionel Smit

The Commission reviewed the information presented for the proposed loan by artist Lionel Smit. The Commission agreed that this artist meets the qualification as fine artist. They discussed concerns about the fiberglass material exhibited outdoors long term and if there would be a possible installation location for such a large piece

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Vahn to accept this piece pending finding out the other issues such as cost, locations, requirements and duration of the loan. (1/3)

AYES: Hiller  
NOES: Smooke, Vahn, Rubins  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
NOT CARRIED:

## NEW BUSINESS

### 4. Proposal for 257 N. Canon Drive

Michelle Garcia from the design company representing the 257 N. Canon Drive property presented to the Commission the proposal to install a sculpture from artist Marco Cochran in this property's site to satisfy their Fine Art Obligation. The Commission informed that this artist does not qualify as a fine art artist according to the parameters established by the City's Fine Art Ordinance and therefore they could not approved the presented proposal.

### 5. La Cienega Project Public Process

Staff presented the public feedback process for the La Cienega Park and Recreation Complex. This project is a City Council priority for this fiscal year. The City has brought on board the consultant CSUS/CCP to conduct stake holder meetings, focus groups, surveys, etc. Staff is working as speaker bureau to bring awareness for this process and encourage the community to stay informed and to participate in the survey Postcards with this project website and survey link were distributed.

### 6. Cyrus the Great Art Donation Consideration

Staff informed that this item went before the City Council/ Special Events Liaison and the Liaison approved use of the Municipal Gallery for an exhibition. The Commission reviewed the proposal and confirmed that this artist does not qualify as a fine art artist according to the City's Fine Art Ordinance.

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Vahn to pass on this since it does not meet the criteria. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
CARRIED

7. Priority Exercise History and Process Reviewed

Staff reviewed the history of the art selection through the priority exercise. Staff recommended 2 options on how to proceed with the current priority exercise. The Chair appointed Commissioner Hiller and Commissioner Vahn as the new Priority Exercise Ad Hoc Committee.

*Commissioner Smooke stepped out of the room.*

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Hiller to approve option 1 as presented and to move forward with that. (Option 1: To re-open the Open Call to residents to submit artwork for a minimum of 1 month to allow ample time for promotion and to gather information required to submit. Commissioners would have the opportunity to submit new entries and/or review past submissions to ensure artwork is available.) (3/0)

AYES: Hiller, Vahn, Rubins  
NOES:  
ABSENT: Smooke  
ABSTAIN:  
CARRIED

**PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS**

8. Director's Report

- Information only items:

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Information was provided in the packet. Staff discussed new entries with the Commission.

B. Bove Raising Update

Staff reported that we are waiting for final drawings by the landscape architect and next steps would be engineering of the base. This item will be presented to City Council on 8/21/18.

C. Kusama Update

Staff discussed with City Attorney's Office preparation of all information before bringing this item to the City Council. Staff will reach out to the vendors to provide written technical information for re-fabrication of the sculpture in metal. The Commission asked that Staff includes in the presentation to City Council that the Commission recommended accepting the warranty of re-fabrication in fiberglass, that the Council Liaison recommended re-fabrication in metal.

D. Scope of Work for Cultural Arts Project Consultant

Staff provided the written scope of work prepared for the Cultural Arts Project consultant services as information for the Commission. The Chair appointed Commissioner Vahn and himself as the current Cultural Arts Ad Hoc Committee.

**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.

Peri Ellen Berne, resident of Beverly Hills, addressed the Commission to inform them that there is going to be a Kusama documentary coming out on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The documentary will probably generate a lot of interest on the Kusama art piece.

E. Status of Commissioner Kaye's Request to Remain Seated

Commissioner Kaye is waiting final City Council approval, expected on August 21<sup>st</sup>, to remain seated through December 2018, after a recent move out of the City of Beverly Hills.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

9. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

The Mayor's Cabinet meetings are now recorded and can be viewed in the City's website at:

[www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/mayorandcouncilmembers/mayorscabinetmeetings/](http://www.beverlyhills.org/citygovernment/mayorandcouncilmembers/mayorscabinetmeetings/)

B. Ad Hoc Committees

- Education Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)

The Chair brought forward a request from art conservator Kamila M. Korbela to come speak to the Commission.

Commissioner Vahn proposed to have Culver City staff to come talk to the Commission about how Culver City has integrated their Cultural Arts Program. Staff will coordinate with both potential speakers to present at the September meeting.

- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)

- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)

- Donations and Loaned Art (Hiller, Vahn)

- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)

- Cultural Arts Commission options (Rubins, Kaye)

C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

The Commission informed that the Marciano Art Foundation has purchased a large Kusama piece. They also urged the public to see the exhibition "Beyond the Streets" that will be displayed in downtown LA until August 26<sup>th</sup>. The Commission also gave an update on the Public Art organization symposium that was held in Hawaii. The Commission will review "The future history of Public Art."

10. Commission Priority List

The Commission reviewed the list of Fine Art Commission priorities for current fiscal year.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

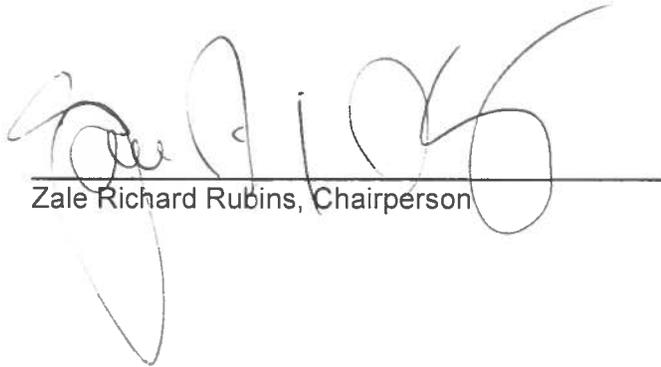
**11. FAC Upcoming Meetings**

Commission dates are available in the packet and on the City's website. The Commission decided to reschedule the December meeting to Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: August 16, 2018 / 5:25pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.



Zale Richard Rubins, Chairperson