



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Thursday, November 15, 2018  
4:00pm

**OPEN MEETING**

Date/Time: November 15, 2018 / 4:06pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**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.

None

**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 asked for all in favor. (5/0)

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2018.  
The Chair asked for all in favor to approve the minutes of the meeting. (5/0)

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

2. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2018.

The Chair asked for all in favor to approve the minutes of the meeting. Commissioner Kaye was not present at this meeting and wished to abstain from voting. (4/0)

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

**REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

None.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

3. Ai Weiwei's *Roots*

Staff asked the Commission to review all the updated information provided by the art gallery. Staff asked the Commission to make a motion to recommend acquisition of this piece and the desired location for installing the piece.

*Commissioner Hiller joined the meeting at 4:11pm*

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Kaye to recommend purchase of the art piece, *Iron Root* by Ai Weiwei to the City Council (5/0)

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

The Commission discussed possible locations for installation of this piece, and selected the following top 3 selections to pursue for location installation of *Iron Root*. The corner of Whittier/Wilshire as #1, Park Way between Rodeo and Beverly as #2, and Will Rogers Park – Sunset/Canon as # 3.

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Kaye that the 3 locations selected as 1, 2 & 3 choices to be recommended to City Council. The Chair asked for all in favor to say aye. (4/0)

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

The Commission discussed one more possible location for installation of *Iron Root* by Ai Weiwei and decided to amend the previous motion with the following motion

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Vahn that the City Hall location becomes 1a. and the Whittier location 1b in the location priority. (5/0)

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

**4. Second Choice of Priority Exercise 2018**

The Commission reviewed their second choice identified in the 2018 Priority Exercise, since there was a tie between artists Sterling Ruby and Liz Lerner.

The Chair asked for all in favor of Sterling Ruby. (5/0)

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

**NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5. Presentation by Kamila Korbela, Art Curator at Haute Heritage**

Kamila Kobela, a conservator for paintings and sculptures gave a brief overview of the required process to conserve fine art while maintaining authenticity of the piece and documenting all necessary steps. The Commission was very appreciative of Ms. Kobela's time and educational presentation.

*Vice Chair Vahn left the meeting at 4:52pm.*

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

**6. Director's Report**

- Information only items:

**A. Fine Art Fund Report**

Information was provided in the packet. Staff clarified a few fee entries. Staff will follow up on status of the projects where the permit has expired.

**B. Cultural Arts Update**

Staff reported that the consultant Karen Constine will come to the December meeting to report to the Commission and give an update on the Cultural Arts Plan.

**C. Bove Update**

Staff reported that the City is going to go to bid soon for this project. The Commission reported that they have seen people responded well to the do not touch signs. They are respecting the art and not climbing on the piece.

**D. Tom Friedman Installation and Celebration Status Report**

Staff reported the sculpture was installed on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The piece is been enjoyed greatly by the public. Staff will bring to the next meeting renderings of the landscaping plans. The artist indicated that he would prefer to not have lighting for this sculpture. The Commission agreed to not install any lighting for this piece per

the artist recommendation. Staff will reach out to the artist to confirm if the proposed date of January 8<sup>th</sup> works for him to attend for dedication.

E. Kusama Update

Staff reported that Chair Rubins, Commissioner Hiller and staff met with Patrick Rees from Art Bronze Foundry at the Kusama site. This foundry has worked with Kusama before and he has provided a production plan as well as a quote along with engineering. Staff will bring the complete information to City Council as soon as they have the information from the Kusama studio.

F. 160 N. Canon Update – Inspection of the relocated sculpture *Imploded Column* by Hilgeman

The Commission reported that they have seen the sculpture at the new installation location where it will remain until the Metro construction is completed and that it looks fantastic and it is installed in a safe way.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

7. 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)
- 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 shared concerns on the planting that surrounds the Magdalena Abramovic sculpture. It is too tall and it is covering the art work.

Staff asked if any Commissioner would want to be involved in the Art Sound wall for the Metro project. Staff will bring more information to the next meeting.

8. Priority Setting

The Commission's priority list was included in the packet.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

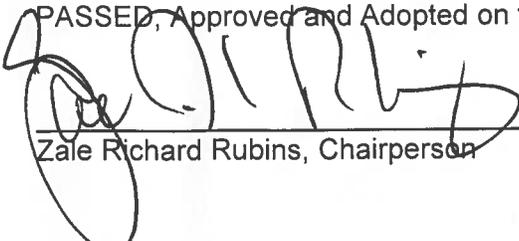
9. FAC Upcoming Meetings

Commission dates available in the packet and on the City's website.

### ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: November 15, 2018 / 5:33pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

  
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Zale Richard Rubins, Chairperson