



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, September 20, 2018
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: September 20, 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, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, 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 August 19, 2018.

MOTION by Rubins, SECONDED by Vahn to approve the minutes of the meeting as amended. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Kaye
CARRIED:

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Vision for Displaying Art

The Commission discussed proceeding on acquiring art as well as accepting donated art. The Commission requested that this item is fully discussed at a summit. The Chair also requested that Staff creates a catalog of all possible locations for installation of loaned art, and purchased or donated art. Commissioner Kaye provided former documents with some locations identified for art installation in 2015. The Commission also discussed the upcoming Burton Way Median renovation and its impact on future art installations on that location. The Commission also discussed the possibility to create a fine art master plan at the summit.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Alexandra Nechita Art Donation Consideration

The Commission considered the donation request of art work by artist Alexandra Nechita. The Commission was interested in the sculpture of the family group for acceptance and perhaps installation in La Cienega Park. Staff recommended to pick a second location installation in case La Cienega Park undergoes renovations or reconstruction depending what is decided through the La Cienega Parkland Recreation Complex public engagement project.

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Rubins to recommend acceptance of the piece contingent upon the artist acceptance of the terms. (3/2)

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

4. Jene Highstein Art Donation Consideration

The Commission considered the donation request of art work by artist Jene Highstein. The Commission discussed the possibility to install this very well renowned artist piece on the grass area of City Hall campus near the elevator. The Ad Hoc Loans and Donation Committee highly recommended the acceptance of the piece.

MOTION by Vahn, SECONDED by Rubins to recommend acceptance of the piece contingent upon the artist acceptance of the terms. (5/0)

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

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

5. Director's Report

- Information only items:

A. Fine Art Fund Report

Information was provided in the packet. Staff explained in lieu fees report. Staff will follow up on status of long standing project.

B. Metro Sound Wall Art Mural at canon and Wilshire

Information was provided in the packet. Staff informed that the City will be paying for the sound wall, and there is a selection committee for the art work submissions. City Council will have the final decision on this committee's recommendation.

C. Cultural Arts Project Status Report

Staff reported that the consultant has been preparing an updated environmental scan to provide to the upcoming City Council/Fine Art/ Recreation and Parks Liaison meeting. The date for this meeting has not been confirmed yet.

D. Tom Friedman Installation and Celebration Status Report

Staff reported that the sculpture was in the process of fabrication. Images were provided for the Commissions review. Construction of the platform is scheduled for September 24th and installation of the piece is scheduled for October 29th. Tom Friedman will be present to ensure that the piece is installed correctly. The Commission would like to host a cocktail party for the artist while he is in town. Staff will check his availability.

E. Kusama Update

Staff informed that the City architect is going to check the engineering company contracted by Ironwood to ensure that they have the proper credentials. The City's engineer will also do a peer review to ensure that the existing anchoring system would work for the proposed metal re-fabrication of the Kusama piece. Staff will bring the Kusama re-fabrication item to City Council to present the proposed direction by the Liaisons to re-fabricate in metal. The Commission will provide contacts for foundries so Staff can reach out to them for professional feedback on this issue and estimates.

F. Community Services Department Strategic Plan Project Update

Staff informed that the Community Services department is currently conducting a strategic plan. The City has contracted a consulting firm for this project. The Commission will be sent a survey to provide feedback.

G. Spring Art Show Recap

Information was included in the packet. There was no verbal update on this item.

H. Priority Exercise – Call for artists

Staff reported that a press release promoting the priority exercise has been sent. The webpage with the Art for Consideration digital form is going to be active all of the month of September. The community and the Commission can send their proposals for consideration in the October 2018 Priority Exercise.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

6. 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/

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 a walking tour brochure from the City of Lake Oswego that was sent to the Commission by Helen Rogaway. The Ad Hoc Committee for Fine Art Program Development will review the brochure. Staff will send a thank you note to Ms. Rogaway.

The Commission expressed concern that the Priority Exercise has not taken place annually. The Commission also discuss whether to consult an art curator and present all art submissions for consideration for their feedback and advice on identifying best fine art addition to City's collection.

The Commission inquired on status of proposed exhibition of Sebastian Carvajal Gonzalez. Staff reported that City Attorney's Office had informed that the City does not allow loaned art installations on public rights of way.

7. Priority Setting

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

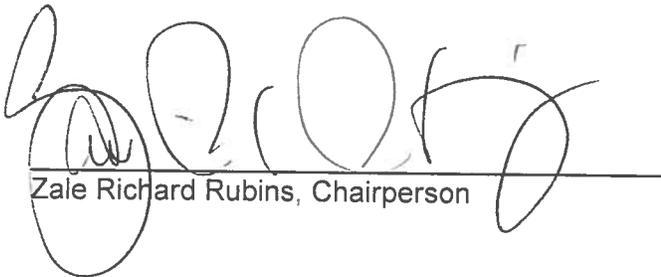
8. FAC Upcoming Meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: September 20, 2018 / 5:31pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 15th day of November 2018.



Zale Richard Rubins, Chairperson