



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

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
Thursday, January 17, 2019
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: January 17, 2019 / 4:03pm

SWEARING IN COMMISSIONER FRANK

Commissioner Deborah Frank was sworn in by Assistant City Clerk Lourdes Sy-Rodriguez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Frank, Smooke, 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 moved item 5 as item 2.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018. The Chair asked for all in favor to approve the minutes with the provided changes to be reflected. (5/0)

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

5. Gallery 19C

Eric Weider owner and director of Gallery 19C made a presentation to the Commission on 19th Century French and European painting. He also informed one of this gallery's focus is art education to the public. .

2. Cultural Arts Expansion

Karen Constine, Public Affairs & Arts/Cultural Management consultant provided an update on the drafts included in the packet: cultural inventory, ordinance for changing the Fine Art Commission to the Arts and Culture Commission, responsibilities and priorities for Arts and Culture Commission, and Beverly Hills Arts and Culture environmental scan. The Commission discussed these drafts and provided their input to the consultant. The drafts will be revised accordingly and they will be brought back for the Commission's review.

3. Ai Weiwei Art Purchase and Installation

The Commission reviewed one more time the selected and approved location for the Ai Weiwei installation by the Fine Art Council Liaison. Staff also reported that estimates are being procured for this installation. This item will be presented to City Council for full approval on February 19th or March 5th, 2019. Staff will update the Commission on final date and invite the Commission to attend this meeting.

MOTION by Vahn, SECONDED by Rubins to proceed with the placement of the Ai Weiwei piece on the corner of City Hall block and to consult with the artist himself what he would like to do with the piece and the logistics with that. (5/0)

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

MOTION by Hiller, SECONDED by Vahn to propose to set aside to cover contingency cost for Ai Weiwei for a total not to exceed \$880,000. (5/0)

AYES: Frank, Smooke, Hiller, Vahn, Rubins
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED:

4. Anticipated Fine Art Projects Timeline

Staff gave an overview changes in the department due to a reorganization, and an update on all Fine Art ongoing projects. The Commission reviewed the anticipated timeline for the three top priority projects.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item moved up before item 2.

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

6. Director's Report

Staff reported that the 257 N. Canon property will bring a fine art obligation proposal in the upcoming meetings. Staff also reported that the bids for raising of the Bove have been received and they will move on with the project. Staff informed that Bronze Art, the foundry that has provided the estimates to re-fabricate the Kusama in metal, has received authorization from the City to communicate directly with the studio and seek approval of next steps. Staff reported on the recent Chair/Vice Chair training and will share some of the presentation slides with the rest of the Commission in the upcoming meeting. Staff provided an update on the CS Strategic Planning workshop that took place on January 14th. Finally Staff discussed the need for clarification if the Tom Friedman sculpture will need lighting, this item will be included in the February agenda.

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/

B. Ad Hoc Committees

Chair Rubins proposed the new assignments and the Commission proposed one change, and agreed to the following final distribution:

- Education Liaison (Rubins, Frank)
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Vahn, Rubins)
- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
- Donations and Loaned Art (Hiller, Vahn)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Frank)
- Cultural Arts Commission options (Frank, Vahn)

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

Chair Rubins inquired on the possibility to have a Fine Art Commission retreat. There was also a request to add an item to the monthly agenda called "Requests of Staff" to check on progress for tasks and requests. The Commission commented on the Tom Friedman press coverage. The Commission also officially welcomed Commissioner Frank.

8. Priority Setting

The Commission reviewed the Commission's priorities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. FAC Upcoming Meetings

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

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: January 17, 2019 / 6:13pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 21st day of February 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zale Rubins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zale Richard Rubins, Chairperson