



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
10:00am

OPEN MEETING

ROTATION OF THE COMMISSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Frank, Smooke, Vice Hiller, Chair Vahn
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rubins
Staff Present: Pam Shinault, Kristin Buhagiar, Patty Acuna, Adrine Ovasapyan, 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.

Montana Rose, owner of a company that implements public art designs and does installations across the city suggested to add more color and murals to the recreation parks in the city. She also inquired about the city process to bring forward ideas for installations of BOLD. She also suggested on beautifying the bike lanes in the city. Staff will pass her contact information to the Recreation and Parks Commission for beautification ideas, to the City Manager's Office for the BOLD process, and to the Transportation Department for the bike lanes beautification ideas.

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 to approve the amended agenda. (4/0)

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019.

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

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

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Arts and Culture Work Plan Implementation in FY 19/20

Karen Constine, arts and culture consultant contracted by the City, presented the newly established commission's work plan with implementation action steps. The Commission reviewed and discussed the timing for this implementation. Chair Vahn announced the new assignments for Ad Hoc Committees within this commission to help work on the different topics included in the proposed work plan. The Commission agreed with the presented work plan. However, staff agreed to bring back the ad hoc discussion in August so roles of each are clear and support Work Plan implementation tasks to keep on track.

3. Review Cultural Arts Inventory/Stakeholder List for planning, outreach, and kickoff celebration of arts and culture initiative

Staff informed that at the City Council/Arts and Culture Liaison meeting on June 14, 2019, the liaisons had requested to schedule this kickoff celebration preferably in August or September. The Commission discussed details with staff and the consultant. Karen Constine will help guide this event.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

4. Director's Report

- Staff presented the monthly Fine Art fund reports and provided information on pending permits and fees.
- Staff informed that at the City Council/Arts and Culture Liaison meeting on June 14, 2019 the liaisons had requested to install the Ai Weiwei sculpture by October 2019. The installation process is moving forward and being expedited. Staff has sent the agreement to the artist's representatives for review.
- The Ringo Starr sculpture and dedication is scheduled to take place in October 2019. Staff will provide updates during the following months.
- The BH Proms concert series will have a big finale in September. Staff will provide details for this mayoral initiative, and extend the invitation to the Commission.
- Staff informed that the City has contracted with vendor 5D Spectrum to develop the arts and Culture calendar and webpage. They will come to present to the Commission a demo of the proposed calendar at the August meeting.
- Staff presented an update on the recorded covenants for the City's fine art obligation inventory. Staff will reach out to code enforcement as next steps for the couple of art pieces identified as missing.

- The Kusama agreement with Art Bronze is nearly finished. It is pending waiting for certificate of insurance
- The Kusama loan to the New York Botanical Gardens has been moving forward. Staff has reached out to Ota Studio and to New York Botanical Gardens and they will be sending confirmation for all of the requested terms in writing. This item is scheduled to go to City Council at the August 6, 2019 session.
- Staff is reviewing the language for all City owned art purchase agreements to ensure that we have copyrights. For those art pieces that we do not own copy right, staff will reach out to the artist representatives to secure written permission to include the art piece in the Public Art Archive. Staff is also working on the no guarantee of any level of security with respect to third party infringement and misappropriation of the content upon submittal to the Public Art Archive. The Commission suggested to submit the art pieces images with lightly written "copyrighted material" on the image itself.
- Staff reported that on the City Council/Arts and Culture Liaison meeting the liaisons requested for the Kusama loan to New York Botanical Gardens to have the following requirements: A sign recognizing the loan by the City, insurance of the piece from de-installation forward, coordination of loan time so there is not a vacant site for an extended period of time, and filming and certificate of destruction of the fiberglass piece post exhibit.
- The donation of Highstein and Nechita will be brought to City Council for approval, and staff will be assigned for both installation projects.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

5. Chair's Report

A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

B. Ad Hoc Committees

Chair Vahn suggested new distribution for the various ad hoc committees. The new list will be brought back at the August meeting for the Commission for review.

- 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 Planning (Frank, Vahn)

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

6. Commission Priority List

Fine Art Commission priorities were included in the packet. Staff will revise the list and add a calendar of mayoral initiatives along with the priority list for the Arts and Culture Commission to attend.

7. ACC Upcoming Meetings

The Arts and Culture meeting schedule was included in the packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 9, 2019 / 11:21 am

July 9, 2019

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 13th day of August, 2019.

Stephanie Vahn, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Vahn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.