



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
10:00am

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 9, 2021 / 10:00 am

CIVILITY STATEMENT

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Filipovic and Vahn, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Rubins
Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Kristin Buhagiar, Paul Paolone, Adrine Ovasapyan, Aida Thau, Mandana Motahari

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of Chair Smooke, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 8, 2020.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Frank to approve the minutes (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Filipovic and Vahn, Vice Chair Frank, Chair Smooke
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rubins
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. City's Fine Art Collection Maintenance

Recreation Supervisor Adrine Ovasapyan presented the Commission with an overview of the current routine maintenance and protection of the 26 artworks in the City's collection. Rosa Lowinger and Associates (RLA) were selected and contracted as art conservationist via a request for proposal process. RLA will conduct a survey of artworks to prepare an update maintenance schedule and share with the Commission once completed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Nechita's *Love Anatomy* Artwork

Public Works Department Project Manager Derek Nguyen and City Architect Mandana Motahari presented on the Burton Way median project, which affects the installation placement and timeline for Alexandra Nechita's *Love Anatomy*. The artwork will be placed on the most western block of Burton Way median, offset 30 degrees south of the main axis where the three existing artworks are located. Median landscaping reflects the optimal plant upgrades for the bioswale project in conjunction with the public art collection. Artwork installation is estimated to be completed within two and two and a half months from when the City receives grant funding confirmation. Artist Alexandra Nechita agrees to the installation placement and timeline. The Commission approves the proposal as presented.

4. Arts and Culture Website Updates

Senior Recreation Supervisor Paul Paolone presented updates on the Arts and Culture website managed by 5D Spectrum. Staff encourages the use of social media hashtag use that will feed directly into the arts website. This update facilitates a streamlined method for community arts organizations to upload information onto the virtual platform to share with Beverly Hills residents and visitors. The website will offer dynamic content to produce perpetual interest and the self-population hashtag addresses the challenge of burdensome data transfers.

5. Financial Update and Fine Art Fund Budget Expenditures

Senior Recreation Supervisor Paul Paolone reported on the Fine Art fund and informed on pending permits and fees. A detailed breakdown of the total balance currently in the fund and the projected remaining balance was discussed with the Commission.

PROJECT UPDATES

- Ai Weiwei Artwork Update

The landscaping will be scheduled this month. When the landscaper begins work a new fence will be installed, but it will remain a construction site. The plaque is completed and will be installed when the base cures. Fencing will be removed when all installation components are completed and a celebration is anticipated.

- Beyond 2020 Update
Staff is working with UTA Gallery on a timeline that would shift to late May/early June 2021 to avoid further COVID-19 related postponement. LA Frieze will be occurring simultaneously which will aid in arts engagement.
- Art Walk Map and Interactive Map Update
Brochures were delivered to approximately 20 locations and staff was met with enthusiasm. Staff continues to work with the City's IT Department to update the Interactive Map of Public Art to match the brochure's content.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
 - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
Chair Smooke encourages art connoisseurs to consider applying to the Arts and Culture Commission recruitment. Application is available on the City's website.
 - b) Ad Hoc Committees
 - Fine Art and Public Art (Smooke, Vahn)
 - Cultural and Events (Frank, Vahn)
 - Education and Outreach (Rubins, Filipovic)
Commissioner Filipovic reported that she worked on several master classes in Beverly Hills High School with chamber orchestra and symphony orchestra during the past weeks.
 - c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

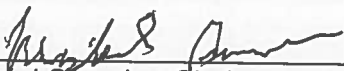
COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Director's Report
 - a) Staff and the Commission issued a farewell to Former Assistant Director Pam Shinault who retired from the City in December 2020
- Information only items
 - a) The Brown Act and Social Media
 - b) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 9, 2021 / 11:59 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 16th day of March 2021.



Michael Smooke, Chairperson