



**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 8, 2022  
10:00am

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: February 8, 2022 / 10:00 am

**CIVILITY STATEMENT**

The Civility Statement was read to initiate the meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gordy Bristol, Beck and Vahn, Vice Chair Filipovic,  
Chair Frank

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jenny Rogers, Patty Acuña, Ben Johnson, Paul Paolone, Adriné  
Ovasapyan, Stephanie Harris, Aida Thau, Christopher Paulson,  
Jessica Barragan

**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.

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With the concurrence of the Commission, the Chair may choose to amend the order of the items on the agenda.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2022.**
2. **A Resolution of the Arts and Culture Commission of City of Beverly Hills Authorizing Public Meetings to be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same**

Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Arts and Culture Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Vahn, SECONDED by Vice Chair Filipovic to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Gordy Bristol, Beck and Vahn, Vice Chair Filipovic, and Chair Frank

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

## PRESENTATIONS

### 3. Special Art Installation Announcement

Christine Burgin of William Wegman Studio and Marc Selwyn of Marc Selwyn Fine Art provided the Commission with a special art installation announcement. Lisa Baker, Director of the Saks Fifth Avenue Art Collection and Marc Selwyn Fine Art in collaboration with the City's Arts & Culture Commission are unveiling a large scale, multi-screen video installation by internationally renowned artist William Wegman. The video installation will span across six storefront windows at 9570 Wilshire Blvd., the former Barney's New York building / future site of Saks Fifth Avenue's expanded Beverly Hills location. The exhibition will be unveiled on February 16, 2022, and will be on view daily from 5:30pm until midnight through March 30, 2022.

### 4. Beverly Hills Historical Society Mural Project Presentation

Phil Savenik, Robbie Anderson, and Kevin Miller of the Beverly Hills Historical Society (BHHS) presented their mural and signage project to the Commission. The project entails adding signage highlighting the Beverly Hills Experience app and art banners depicting Beverly Hills iconography at the Third St and Civic Center Dr bus stop. Staff will work with the City and Southern California Edison, who owns the building at the bus stop, to incorporate the BHHS signage. The mural project would also require permission from Southern California Edison to place art banners on their walls. At the Commission's direction, staff and BHHS will brainstorm possible city locations and banner design concepts to present to the Commission at a future meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

### 5. Financial Update

Paul Paolone, Senior Recreation Supervisor, reported on the Fine Art Fund and informed Commissioners on pending permits and fees. An additional \$45,882 was transferred as of January 2022 for a total of \$150,866.36 in In-Lieu Fee Revenue in FY 21/22.

## PROJECT UPDATES

- Docent Program Update
  - Commissioner Vahn informed that Judith Tuch is in charge of the program that includes 12 volunteer docents to conduct free guided tours of the City's Fine Art Collection for the public to enjoy. These Beverly Hills ArtWalk - Guided Tours will take place daily from Thurs. – Sun., February 17- 20, 2022 at 2:00pm. The central meeting location is Beverly Gardens Park at the Lily Pond. The docent tours will feature sculptures in Beverly Gardens Park from Rodeo Dr. to Crescent Dr.
  - Commissioner Beck updated on a Beverly Hills Historical Society storefront signage installation. The installation is located at the former Brooks Brothers building at 468 N Rodeo Dr.
- Fine Art Collection Maintenance Program Update  
Recreation Supervisor Adriné Ovasapyan provided an update regarding art maintenance. Rosa Lowinger and Associates are currently in the process of cleaning fifteen artworks in anticipation of Frieze Week and artwalk tours.
- Arts and Culture Division Projects Update  
Arts and Culture Manager Ben Johnson provided the following updates:
  - The ArtWalk Guided Tours registration at [www.beverlyhills.org/artwalk](http://www.beverlyhills.org/artwalk)  
A robust marketing campaign for the ArtWalk includes press publications, newsletters, local calendars, City website, Frieze website, and social media
  - The *Spring Beverly Hills Art Show* is scheduled for May 21-22, 2022 from 10:00am-6:00pm. The artist's application deadline is February 14, 2022.
  - Installation of the Mayor's Purchase Award artworks are underway at Roxbury Park Community Center.
  - Music in the Mansion January and February dates were cancelled due to Covid. The series may return as a weekend festival in late spring/early summer, however dates are TBD. Virtual auditions for 2023 are happening on April 23, 2022.
  - Concerts on Cañon begins on June 2, 2022 and runs every Thursday through August 25, 2022.
  - Make Music Day event will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.
  - Greystone Theater will be hosting a special site-specific dance performances by choreographer Janet Roston and her company Mixed eMotion Theatrix. The production, *Gatsby Redux*, will span from April 27- 29, 2022 and is a commission by the City's Community Services Department.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Chair's report
  - a) Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Highlights
  - b) Ad Hoc Committees
    - Fine Art / Public Art (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Acuna, Johnson, Paolone, Thau)

- Music and Community Outreach (Filipovic, Gordy Bristol – Johnson, Harris, Ovasapyan, Thau)
  - Cultural Events (Frank, Vahn – Rogers, Ovasapyan, Thau)
  - Art Maintenance (Beck, Filipovic - Paolone)
- c) Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- Director's Report
- Information only items
  - a) Arts and Culture Commission Upcoming Meetings

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: February 8, 2022 / 11:52 am

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



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Deborah Frank, Chairperson