



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 North Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

MINUTES

**FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2015
4:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER ZALE RICHARD RUBINS

City Clerk Byron Pope swore in new Fine Art Commissioner Rubins.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Hunt-Coffey, Zoet, Meyerowitz, Acuna, Knebel,

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 21, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Kaye, to accept the minutes as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

Special Meeting of June 9, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Kaye, to accept the minutes as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

Regular Meeting of June 18, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Kaye, to accept the minutes as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna)

- A. Procedural updates and changes were reviewed.
 - a) Pledge of Allegiance to begin in August 2015.
 - b) Changes to minutes recognized;Staff commented on the move to "action minutes." The goal is to be consistent with other city commissions.
 - c) Personal information on commissioner business cards will be standardized; only Staff Liaison information to be printed.
 - d) Review of Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. Fine Art Fund reported at \$2,821,966. Staff will contact Finance Administration for Commissioner questions.
- C. Mayor's cabinet meeting notes were provided to the Commissioners.
- D. Update on appraisal of City's art collection; Photos have been taken and documents are being gathered.
- E. FAC priorities were not discussed.
- F. Update on developer owned art; upcoming meetings and checks received were reviewed.

G. Update on Richard Serra *Twins*; Progress is being made on the installation.

H. Update on fencing around the Kusama; Plans were received by Project Administration but due to concerns on some specifics of the design, they were sent back for modification by the designer.

I. Reminder of special meeting on 7/18/15; Commissioners will meet at City Hall. Transportation will be provided to the site.

J. Update on the Woods Davy piece; Agreement was received with a hopeful late summer installation.

K. Update on *lo* by Carol Bove; sculpture is completed and approved by the artist. Installation and reception will be planned for mid-September.

L. Update on William Kentridge *World on Its Hind Legs*; Item will be discussed at July 21 City Council Meeting.

M. FAC calendar: Staff discussed plans for the Priority Setting Meeting for the possible September Meeting. August and October Meetings remain as scheduled. Chair Potter will be absent from the August Meeting.

N. Protective measures for art pieces and current maintenance –Staff and Commission discussed next steps for the landscaping and sealant application on the decomposed granite.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Webpage for priority exercise--request for feedback

Information Technology Staff presented a web-page for submissions of outdoor art for the Commissioners to review. Staff recommended and Commission agreed to appoint an Ad Hoc to further explore the options and procedure for collecting the information for the priority setting year-round. The Commission requested that all former Fine Art Commissioners receive an invitation to submit art proposals for consideration in this year's Priority Exercise.

4. Next steps with restoration of the Kusama

Commissioner Hiller reported on the meeting with staff and the representative from the Getty Conservation Research Institute about the restoration of the Kusama. Two restoration bids were discussed and it was recommended that the art piece should be restored on-site.

MOVED by Hiller, SECONDED by Smooke that the bid from Rosa Lowinger to restore the Kusama Hymn of Life art work on site be accepted. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

5. Orientation and next steps with Joan Brown’s Center Obelisk

MOVED by Hiller, SECONDED by Potter to place the Joan Brown *Center Obelisk* so that the hummingbird faces Rexford Drive. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

Commissioners Kaye and Rubins will be present at the installation of *Center Obelisk*.

6. Ad hoc committee assignments

See below item for proposed changes. Chair will advise staff of final decisions prior to the August Commission Meeting. It is suggested for Ad Hoc Committee Members to have specific tasks during the year. Commissioners will report back once their goals are defined.

7. 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Report

The 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code was given to Commissioners for review and comments or changes.

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Hiller that the 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code be approved as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Arts – 4 - All/BHUSD Subcommittee – *to be removed*
- Developers Brochure Subcommittee (Kaye) - *add Rubins*
- Public Art Maintenance Subcommittee (Potter, Kaye)
- Public Art Ordinance Revisions Subcommittee – *per Commission project is completed – to be removed*
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Potter, Kaye)
- Developer Owned Art (Hiller, Smooke)
- iPhone app/web site update subcommittee (Hiller, Potter) – *to be removed*
- Website Committee – submissions for priority exercise (Kaye, Hiller) - *new*

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chair reported on a recent article in *The Art Newspaper*.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 17 day of September, 2015.



Brenda Potter, Chairperson