



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280-A

**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 16, 2016
4:00pm

OPEN MEETING

Date/Time: June 16, 2016 / 4:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye, Vahn
Commissioners Absent: Chair Potter
Staff Present: Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuña, Gisele Grable, Stephanie Harris,
Aida Thau, Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Dana Beesen, Byron Pope

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.

By order of the Chair, the agenda was approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of May 19, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner Hiller to approve the minutes with changes (4-0).

AYES: Commissioners Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Vice Chair Kaye,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Chair Potter

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Tom Friedman Proposed Acquisition

A Recreation & Parks Commission and Fine Art Commission Liaison meeting took place on June 8th to discuss the alternative locations that the Fine Art Commission had voted on, as possible installation sites for the Tom Friedman sculpture *Takeaway*.

Chair Bilak, Vice Chair Gersh, Vice Chair Kaye and Commissioner Smooke were the representatives for this meeting.

The Commissioners in attendance reported on the developments of this liaison meeting. The Liaison found it very difficult to reach agreement for the Beverly Dr. block location, by the Beverly Hills sign. Chair Bilak and Vice Chair Gersh had no issue and were in favor with the site by the Rodeo Dr. block in the Beverly Gardens Park.

This item will be brought before the Recreation and Parks Commission on July 28th.

3. Proposal for Loaned Art Work

Staff confirmed that this proposed loan will not incur any costs for the City. The Commission agreed to pursue the possible installation of the sculpture *Triple*. Staff asked the Commission to consider possible locations for installation.

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

4. Director's Report

- Information only items

A. Fine Art Fund report

Fine Art Fund reports were included in the packet.

B. Building project update

Staff reported on the list of possible upcoming Fine Art Obligation projects.

C. Establishment of new Ad Hoc Committee

The Commission will revise the Ad Hoc Committees next meeting when Commissioner Vahn joins at the dais.

D. Webpage submission form / Priority Exercise

The Commission agreed to postpone the Priority Exercise this year, to allow more time for submissions. The submission web page is currently active and Staff will do outreach efforts to promote this opportunity.

E. Kusama fencing and restoration.

The concrete footings were completed last week. The fence installation will start next Monday. If there are no setbacks the fence will be completed in about two weeks.

F. Update on William Kentridge *World on Hind Legs*.

This item will be in the consent calendar for next Tuesday's June 21st City Council session.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

5. Chair's Report

- A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

No updates

B. Ad Hoc Committees

The Commission proposed to create two more committees: one to coordinate outside speakers to update the commission on Fine Art topics, and another to engage BHUSD student art exhibits and programs.

- Developers Brochure Ad Hoc (Kaye, Rubins)
This committee revised the Developers Brochure earlier this year.
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Potter, Kaye)
The main purpose of this committee is representation for Liaison meetings.
- Developer Owned Art (Hiller, Smooke)
This committee updated the inventory of all Developer Owned Art last spring.
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
Update on agenda item 4 of this meeting.

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

The Commission discussed Yayoi Kusama's retrospective exhibit in Stockholm, some press articles, and feedback from a Commissioner's visiting Kusama's sculptures in Japan.

Staff updated the Commission in regards to the possibility of the art exhibition *Funny Zoo* coming to the City.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- Upcoming events
None
- Commission calendar / scheduling
None
- Information only items
None
- Other Items
None

ROTATION OF FINE ART COMMISSION CHAIR / VICE CHAIR

Official rotation did not apply due to Chair Potter being absent.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING FINE ART COMMISSIONER AND CHAIR BRENDA R. POTTER

Chair Potter was absent. She will be recognized in a future meeting.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER STEPHANIE VAHN

Fine Art Commissioner Vahn was sworn in by Byron Pope, City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 16, 2016 / 4:49 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 21st day of July, 2016.

Alan Kaye, Chairperson