

### CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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

# FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 15, 2016 4:00pm

**OPEN MEETING** 

Date/Time: December 15, 2016 / 4:00pm

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL** 

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Vahn, Commissioner Rubins, Vice Chair Hiller,

Chair Kaye

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Smooke

Staff Present: Brad Meyerowitz, Gisele Grable, Patty Acuña, Stephanie Harris,

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.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

No changes were recommended.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of Minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2016.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Rubins, SECONDED by Commissioner

Vahn to approve the minutes as presented subject to one

correction (4-0).

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Smooke

CARRIED

# REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

# **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

2. Community Development Update

Erik Keshishian, Supervising Plan Review Engineer for the City, presented and answered questions regarding their role with the development projects that have triggered Fine Art Obligation. He also answered questions in regards to the corresponding project financial reports. He also promised to review and update the standing list of works in progress that are already completed.

# 3. Art Signage

Per request of the Commission, Staff presented additional renderings of possible visual signs to deter the public from climbing on the sculptures.

The Commission gave further feedback to the proposed designs. Staff will bring revised renderings to the January meeting.

# 4. Philippe Vergne Discussion

The Commission discussed Philippe Vergne's presentation, as well as Anne Ellegood and Stephanie Barron's presentations. The Commission highly valued their input. Thank you notes will be sent to all of them.

# **NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. One Beverly Hills Development Agreement

Staff reported to the Commission on the revised Development Agreement for the One Beverly Hills project. City Council approved this agreement on November 29, 2016. An additional allocation of \$250,000 was made to the Fine Art Fund from the Public Benefit contribution, bringing the total payment to \$500,000.

# PROJECT UPDATES, STATUS REPORTS, STAFF REPORTS

- 6. Director's Report
  - Information only items
    - A. Fine Art Fund report

Fine Art Fund reports were included in the packet.

B. William Kentridge World On Its Hind Legs

The installation design/plans are currently being reviewed by the City architect and Structural Engineer. A revised design for the base was shared with the Commission. The installation is tentatively scheduled for late February 2017.

C. Tom Friedman Commission

A draft of the Agreement between the City of Beverly Hills and Luhring Augustine has been completed. The draft was sent to the Gallery for their review.

D. "10"

Staff is working with the David Zwirner Gallery, in scheduling a former employee of the Gallery to clean and evaluate the condition of the sculpture. This person is familiar with the work of Carol Bove, and is recommended by the Gallery to conduct the cleaning and evaluation.

E. Website Link to FAC Speaker Presentations
Staff is working with the City's Cable TV Division to extract the speaker presentations, which will then be placed on the City's Website.

#### F. Kusama

Staff provided an update in regards to the conversations with the City Attorney's Office and direction to follow.

- G. Gagosian Gallery Richard Serra Sculptures
  City Council approved an open-ended extension of the loan of the sculptures on
  December 6, 2016. A meeting has been scheduled with City Council Liaisons to
  discuss funding for the potential purchase of the sculpture.
- H. Fine Art Obligation Covenants Letters were sent out on August 4, 2016 requesting Covenants for a total of 65 Developer Owned Art pieces throughout the City. As of December 7, 2016 there have been a total 9 Covenants recorded by the County of Los Angeles, a total of 4 Covenants pending and 52 outstanding.
- I. Commission Procedures
  A Commission Training was held on December 7. Chair Kaye and Vice Chair
  Hiller provided an overview of the training.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- 7. Chair's Report
  - A. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
    There was no Mayor's Cabinet in November.
  - B. Ad Hoc Committees

The BHUSD Arts Liaison reported in regards to their meeting with BHUSD on November 30<sup>th</sup>. They asked the Commission to review the proposed projects and ideas that resulted from this collaboration meeting.

- BHUSD Arts Liaison (Rubins, Vahn)
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Hiller, Kaye)
- Fine Art Program Development (Hiller, Smooke)
- Web Submission for Priority Exercise (Hiller, Rubins)
- Burton Way Median (Rubins, Hiller)
- Donations and Loaned Art (Smooke, Vahn)
- Big Picture Project (Kaye, Smooke)
- C. Other items brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

Chair Kaye recognized Brad Meyerowitz's work for the Fine Art Commission and wished him well in his retirement.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

8. FAC Upcoming Meeting

The Commission will review the meeting schedule in the January meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Date / Time:

December 15, 2016 / 6:31 pm

PASSED, Approved and Adopted on this 19th day of January, 2017.

Alan Kaye, Chairperson