



FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS
Thursday February 19, 2009
4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM 280-A

ROLL CALL
All present

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of January 15, 2008 approved, with two corrections.

REPORT BY CHAIR

Chair Kanter reported on highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 2009.

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Staff presented to the Commission an opportunity for Beverly Hills to be a site location for one of the 40 Globes of the Cool Globes project, voted on in the affirmative by the Commission; Fine Art fund update; Annual K-8 Art Exhibition in Municipal Gallery will take place March 9-20; later in April there will be a High School Art exhibition; deadline for inclusion in next month's packet is March 9th.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. PROPOSAL FOR COMMISSION OF ARTWORK BY DAN GRAHAM

Commission members still enthusiastic over acquisition of piece, examined the purchase from many angles, from where it would be installed, to price reduction; cost to ship glass from Europe; other Graham work was just installed at MOCA, to which the Commissioners have been invited for a private viewing on March 2 at 11:00 am.; Commissioners will vote on the acquisition at next meeting after they've had the opportunity to view the currently installed piece.

4. PROPOSED PARTIAL DONATION OF **TENDERNESS**

Commission discussed Paul Lantz' sculpture *TENDERNESS* which has been offered to the City for \$30,000 as a partial donation by the artist's son. Commissioners all agreed that it is not consistent with the overall vision for the collection, and therefore has been respectfully declined.

5. PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION OF WORK BY ENNA DEER.

Commissioner Friedman presented a work she came across in Idaho, a larger than life bronze representation, and so titled, of **BALL and JACKS**, the children's game. All the Commissioners expressed favorable reaction to the piece, asking what the price is, and commenting that when the scope of the collection is broadened to include sites other than Santa Monica Blvd, and when one of the parks where children play a lot is considered as an installation site, the acquisition of this piece should definitely be re-visited: keep this on the list.

6. PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION OF KEN PRICE'S *BULGOGI*
 Commissioner Potter presented this piece for consideration as an acquisition for the collection. She sees it going along Santa Monica. The work is by a major local artist and this is unique as it is his first outdoor piece; it's done with auto paint, so the rigors of being outdoors would have little or no effect on its longevity; the Gallery is amenable to negotiating the price.
7. PROPOSAL FOR ACQUISITION/COMMISSION OF ARTWORK BY JOHN BUCK
 Commissioner Friedman presented the artist and a representative body of work, most specifically focusing on *The Globe*. Several Commissioners felt that other artists fit better with the existing collection as it stands.
8. WEISMAN FOUNDATION PROPOSED EXHIBITION
 Commissioner Smooke reported on the 2nd Weisman Foundation Art exhibition in Beverly Hills; they will install the week before 9-21-09, which will be the opening date, and the exhibit will run through 12-18-09 in the Municipal Gallery. This year's exhibit will increase to 56 works over 2007's total of 48.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS/STAFF
 (INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS)

Chair Kanter thanked Commissioners for participating in the process by consistently bringing the various artists/pieces for consideration; each work that is brought to the attention of the Commission contributes to the vision that carves out the collection.

2009 COMMITTEE ROSTER/ COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS (point person in **bold**)

- Arts-4-All/BHUSD/Education Committee (**Friedman**)
- Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Committee (Kanter, **Shepard**, Potter)
- Cell Phone Audio Tour Committee (Smooke, **Chalom**, Potter)
- *Erratic* Installation/Reception Committee (Smooke, Pressman, **Potter**)
- Outreach/Public Art Tour Committee (Shepard, Chalom, **Pressman**)
- Public Art Maintenance and Preservation Committee (**Kanter**, Pressman)
- Weisman Art Foundation Committee (Friedman, **Smooke**)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

SYNOPSIS

Thursday, February 19, 2009

9:30 a.m.

City Hall

Conference Room 280-A

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Nazarian, Linder, Yousem, Goldsmith

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of January 15, 2009

MOVED by Meshkaty, SECONDED by Nazarian to approve as presented (6/0)

AYES: Meshkaty, Ginsburg, Sherman, Nazarian, Linder, Goldsmith

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Yousem

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

2. Succession Planning – Rod Wood, City Manager

City Manager Rod Wood discussed strategies to attract and retain quality employees while ensuring a smooth transition of leadership when key positions retire.

BREAK

- ◆ Commission took a 5 minute break

3. Reorganization of the Human Relations Commission Chairperson

Chairperson Goldsmith informed the Commission she was retracting her intention to resign as chairperson of the Human Relations Commission.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Report from Beverly Hills Unified School District: Dr. Brian Goldberg
 - Report will be given in March.
- ◆ Report from Beverly Hills Police Department: Captain Mitch McCann
 - Report will be given in March

◆ Report from Administrator: James Latta

Human Services Administrator Latta gave a brief report on the following:

Announcements

- Advisory Committees' Business – Commission was provided a calendar of staff availability.
- Sustainability Plan Finalized – Commission was advised if interested, staff would provide a copy of the Sustainability Plan upon request.
- Alternatives to Panhandling Issue – An update was provided.
- Brief mention of the LA Times article about the decrease in deaths on Skid Row.
- Community Assistance Grant Funding – Applications for the Community Assistance Grant Funding for next FY 09/10 were being received.

Press Release/Communication opportunities:

- The Community Services quarterly brochure has expanded the Human Services News from a half-page to a full-page. A copy of the spring edition page featuring the Human Relations Commission Six New Advisory Committees' working priorities was provided.
- Article about the City-sponsored Homeless Count (HC09) deployment center and the Human Relations commissioner's participation was included in the packet.

AD HOC/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. Commission Ad Hoc Reports

- Multicultural Advisory Committee

Committee Chair: Sherman

Commissioners: Meshkaty, Linder

Update on the 8 day program was given. Commissioner Ginsburg requested more specific information on the program be provided. Staff noted reports will be included in the Commission packet defining the program.

- Civil Discourse Advisory Committee

Committee Chair: Goldsmith

Commissioners: Nazarian, Geller

City Council Liaison meeting will be scheduled after Council Elections

- Human Relations Commission Advisory Committee

Committee Chair: Geller

Commissioners: Meshkaty, Sherman

Commission suggested Commission mission and priorities be put on the agenda for general discussion; for this Committee to work on establishing a mission representative of all the Human Relations Commission's current priorities..

- Homeless Advisory Committee

Committee Chair: Linder

Commissioners: Yousem, Nazarian

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURNMENT at 12:44 p.m.

MOVED by Sherman, SECONDED by Meshkaty to adjourn (7/0)

AYES: Ginsburg, Sherman, Nazarian, Linder, Yousem, Goldsmith, Meshkaty

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

**SYNOPSIS
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A**

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

February 23, 2009

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Vice Chair

Landau, Chair Seidel

Guests: Myra Lurie

Staff: Mottice Muller, Ryan

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Landau

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by Aronberg, SECONDED by Kopeikin to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 26, 2009 (7/0)

Ayes: Setian, Millan, Kopeikin, Judelson, Aronberg, Landau, Seidel

Noes: None

Absent: None

CARRIED.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Chair Seidel reported that the Design Review Commission would like the City's ordinance regarding hedge and wall build-ups in front of residential homes to be enforced. High hedges and walls cause for unsafe conditions.

The Human Relations Commission reported that a Los Angeles Homeless Services Survey was undertaken. The survey results showed forty-six homeless individuals were found to be in the City on the night of the survey. Also, suicide hotline calls have increased.

The Community Services Department has a Teen Advisory Committee, who suggested that the City's trolleys be used for residents, not just tourists. The Commission would like more information on this Committee and if the Health and Safety Commission could utilize them.

The Planning Commission reported that elevator encroachments are being abused.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REPORT FROM MYRA LURIE, BEVERLY HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Lurie reported on an incident at Beverly Vista School where an individual was observed taking photos of a student. A police investigation lead to the arrest of the suspect. No harm was done to the student. Ms. Lurie explained that CCTV cameras are in the process of being installed at the schools through the CCTV program. Also noted was the importance of the Schools' positive relationship with the City and the Police Department.

A fitness report on Beverly Hills School district students showed that while aerobic ability in students was good, upper body strength was poor.

A meeting will take place next week with the School District and Maple Counseling Center to discuss programs for students.

Ms. Lurie also mentioned that she would like to look into utilizing City shuttle vans to try to alleviate students congregating at certain times and areas. Using the vans may also help reduce traffic and parking concerns near schools. Carpooling and use of mass transit are also sustainable solutions to these problems.

INFORMATION ONLY:

a) Leaf Blower Ban Violations – Letters from Resident Mark Elliot

- Director Mottice Muller read an email sent by Mr. Elliot and noted a spreadsheet sent by Mr. Elliot which documents many leaf blower violations in the City. Mr. Elliot's letter has been given to Building and Safety/Code Enforcement, which has followed up with him. A memo was given to the Commission by Nestor Otazu in Code Enforcement describing how the City responds to leaf blower complaints and their increased enforcement of this issue. Commissioner Aronberg noted that she has received many complaints about leaf blowers, citing noise pollution and increase in particulate levels. She asked if an update on the increased enforcement of the law be given in about six months, and also asked if it is possible to look into banning all leaf blowers, not just gas powered blowers, since both types of blowers create high noise levels. Director Mottice Muller will schedule the update. Chair Seidel pointed out that the Commission should not be involved in enforcement issues and that this matter is not one of the Commission's priorities at this time, but the Commission will pass along information to Building and Safety/Code Enforcement and discuss the matter at a later date.

Director Mottice Muller briefly explained the City's Comcate complaint tracking system to the Commission in an effort to inform them how staff tracks communications such as this.

b) Evacuation Guidance Planning Meeting Flier

- Commissioners were invited to attend the March 2nd Los Angeles County Evacuation Guidance Planning meeting if they are interested.

c) CERT Message from Captain Lessing – no comment.

d) Beverly Hills CPR News – January 2009 – no comment.

e) Beverly Hills CPR News – February 2009 – no comment.

f) Shakeout & Golden Guardian After Action Report – no comment.

g) Final Draft of Sustainable City Plan

- Commissioner Judelson expressed concern about the wording of the Goal in the Environmental and Public Health section of the Sustainable City Plan Draft. Staff will pass on this comment to Community Development.
- Other Items
 - a) Farmer's Market Dates
 - The Commission's Farmer's Market dates will change from the third Sunday of each month. Staff will inform the Commission when new dates are established. The Office of Emergency Management will have booths for disaster preparation for pets at Woofstock 90210 on March 15th and a booth for Earth Day at the Farmer's Market on April 19th. Commissioners are invited to assist at booths.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. REPORT ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PLANNING MEETING

Chair Seidel attended the Neighborhood Watch Planning Meeting on February 19th. Also in attendance at this meeting were Director Mottice Muller, Officer Chase, Sergeant Foxen, Battalion Chief Barton and Captain Lessing. At this meeting, it was discussed that the theme of the upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings should concentrate on preparedness rather than crime. All of the upcoming meetings for the public in April and May will have the same presentations, so as to provide the community with a consistent message. The message "Be a Survivor, Not a Victim" was mentioned. Public Service Announcements will be created advertising Neighborhood Watch meetings. Commissioner Aronberg, Vice Chair Landau and Chair Seidel have volunteered to appear in the PSA's. The Commission engaged in a discussion about what the Commission's message will be during presentations at the Neighborhood Watch meetings. The following items should be presented:

- Mission, motto and vision
- Focus / give Commission meeting date (invite residents to come to meetings)
- Introduce the concept of getting involved (Citizen Corps)
- Call to Action
- Highlight Health and Safety Week, tell them where to find health and safety information (website, handout)

Commissioners will each attend three of the many Neighborhood Watch meetings. Commissioners signed up for the dates of meetings that they will attend.

2. DISCUSSION ON HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION CALENDAR

Commissioners agreed that the calendar is very useful, but asked that new items be marked with an asterisk, and to add the last date updated in the bottom left corner of the calendar.

3. EMERGENCY KITS FOR SALE ON SHOPBH – Tabled to March 23, 2009.

4. APRIL IS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Commissioners offered suggestions on the simplest way for residents to participate in the "When it Rocks, Are You Ready to Roll" program. Online pledges

were requested to make the program more "green". Suggested prizes for the program were discussed.

5. EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSISTANCE REGISTRY OUTREACH

Jim Latta, Human Services Administrator and Staff Liaison to the Human Relations Commission, addressed the Commission regarding the outreach that must be done to establish the City's Emergency Evacuation Assistance Registry. The Human Relations Commission has an ad hoc committee which deals specifically with senior and special needs issues. This committee will take the lead on this outreach effort while working in conjunction with the Health and Safety Commission.

Commissioners Judelson and Millan volunteered to help with outreach for the Evacuation Registry.

Chair Seidel pointed out that Commissioners should be in contact with their own connections for this project.

H. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Landau noted that he felt that there were too many disclaimers in the Evacuation Registry Form, which may discourage people from signing up.

Vice Chair Landau also informed the Commission that there will be a DUI checkpoint on Saturday, February 28th at Sunset and Sierra from 10:00 PM to 2:00 AM.

Commissioner Aronberg also shared that on February 17th, she attended the Santa Monica Organizations Active in Disaster emergency preparedness seminar, which concentrated on pet preparedness. The main messages of this program were the importance of having all pets "chipped" and to learn "lessons from Katrina".

I. COMMISSIONERS' INSTRUCTIONS TO STAFF

None.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Seidel, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted

This _____ day of _____, 2009

David Seidel, Chair

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING**

455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

City Council Chambers

Commission Meeting Room 280-A

Thursday, March 5, 2009

1:30 p.m.

**SYNOPSIS
Regular Meeting**

Bus Tour: No Bus Tour

Discussion Items: 1:30 p.m.

Formal Meeting: 2:30 p.m.

OPEN MEETING: At 1:30 p.m. it was noted the meeting would reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL AT 2:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: S. Strauss, G. Gilbar, M. Weiss, Vice Chair H. Gabbay,
and Chair H. Szabo

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: M. McGrath, D. Jerex, S. Rojemann, R. Gohlich, and
L. Goor (Department of Community Development)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No Changes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE: See Page 3.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

1. Consideration of the minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting.
Gabbay-Weiss/5
That the minutes of February 5, 2009 Design Review Commission be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUED CASES

2. **804 North Camden Drive** (PL 090 5850)
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **804 North Camden Drive**. (Continued from meeting of January 12, 2009; public hearing remains open.)
Weiss-Szabo/5
Approve the design revisions with conditions regarding the porte cochere; paving; fencing; railing; add a trellis on the upper balcony for the northern neighbor neighbor's privacy; that the east/west balconies be revised to Juliet balconies; simplify the front door; remove pediments over the three first story windows; that the stained glass be textured but without design (i.e., no floral, fruit, etc. design); fairly vertical, 48 inch minimum box size trees to be chosen by the Landscape Architect and added outside the side setback area to screen staircase views from neighboring property on the north side; the Landscape Architect to return with landscape plan; and materials to return.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

J. Okun discussed a home that has violations and appears to be occupied without having received a Certificate of Occupancy.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. **610 North Rodeo Drive** (PL 090 2024)
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **610 North Rodeo Drive**. (Continued to meeting of April 2, 2009 as revised plans have not been received by staff; public hearing remains open.)
Continued to April 2, 2009.
4. **617 North Camden Drive** (PL 090 0852)
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence with a full basement located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **617 North Camden Drive**.
Chair Szabo directed the project be sent back for restudy.
5. **253 South Linden Drive** (PL 090 4048)
A request for a revision to an approved R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard at **253 South Linden Drive**.
Gabbay-Strauss/5
That the resolution approving the revision to the R-1 Design Review Permit be adopted as presented.

PROJECT PREVIEW

6. **229 South Almont Drive** (PL 090 4084)
A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a new, two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard at **229 South Almont Drive**.
The project was previewed and will return April 2, 2009.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Szabo presented the report from Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Director's Report / Good and Welfare – it was noted Vice Chair Gabbay received a design award.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009 (Chair and Vice-Chair)

Weiss-Gilbar/5

To elect Commissioner Strauss as Vice Chair of the Design Review Commission.

Szabo-Strauss/5

To elect Vice Chair Gabbay as Chair of the Design Review Commission.

ADJOURNMENT TO MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2009: Adjourned at 5:29 p.m.