



FINE ART COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SYNOPSIS

Thursday, November 18, 2010

4:00 p.m.

CITY HALL

Room 280A, Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 North Rexford Drive

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Stover, Potter, Pressman, Chalom, Smooke, Friedman, Shepard

Absent: None

Commission publicly wished a Happy Birthday to Lois Foraker's mother.

**1. COMMISSION MINUTES**

MOVED by Smooke, SECONDED by Potter to approve as minutes as presented (7/0)

AYES: Stover, Potter, Pressman, Chalom, Smooke, Friedman, Shepard

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

**REPORT BY CHAIR**

Vice chair Friedman gave a detailed report on the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting of November 10, 2010.

**2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON**

- William Morris Endeavor Public Art Obligation: Staff noted Commission meeting tapes were reviewed regarding the inability to make additional conditions to the obligation after a formal motion was made and carried.
- "Ball of Artists": Commission will be included when artists walkthrough Greystone for art placement.
- December Commission Meeting: Due to employee furloughs and closing of City Hall during the week of December 27 -30<sup>th</sup>, Commission unanimously agreed to cancel the December Commission meeting but noted a special meeting would be scheduled if needed.
- Fine Art Fund Update: \$665,837.27
- January 10, 2010 – deadline for materials to be included the January 20, 2010
- Dates to Remember: Tuesday, December 7, 2010 Beverly Hills Forum featuring Barbara Isenberg, City Council Chambers, at 7:30 pm.

***CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS***

**3. Human Relations Commission Election Civility Statement**

Human Relations Commissioners Yousem and Pease addressed the Fine Art Commission introducing and reading the Election Civility Statement. Commissioner Yousem invited Fine Art Commissioner to join the Human Relation Commissioner in demonstrating leadership as

positive role models and as ambassadors, standing in support of an environment where respect and responsible actions prevail in every aspect Beverly Hills community life.

Fine Art Commission commended the Human Relations Commission for creating the civility statement and shared suggestions for dissemination.

#### **4. Proposal for Donation of Artwork**

In response to Commission's request, Ms. Beth Meltzer Sieroty retained services of Jacqueline Silverman and Associates, Inc. The *Nude Washing Her Hair* sculpture has been appraised at \$15,000 and it has been evaluated to be in good condition. Reports were provided for Commission review.

Commission discussed donation of the sculpture and recommended placement.

MOVED by Chalom, SECONDED by Stover to deny this particular piece based on the fact that it is a reproduction and not an original piece of art work. (7/0)

AYES: Stover, Potter, Pressman, Chalom, Smooke, Friedman, Shepard  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

#### **5. Placement of Proposed Dan Graham Pavilion**

In addition to the walkthrough of the Rodeo/Beverly Drive block of Beverly Gardens Park was conducted at the October Fine Art Commission a walkthrough took place on October 29<sup>th</sup> involving Commission Chair Shepard, Vice Chair Friedman, and Commissioner Chalom and the artist, Dan Graham. As noted in staff report provided Mr. Graham recommended that the pavilion be installed in the northeast section of the Rodeo/Beverly Drive block, closer to Park Way.

A map of the Rodeo/Beverly Drive block of Beverly Gardens Park and the location proposed for the installation was provided and enlarged on a board for Commission review and consideration.

Commission discussed proposed location and suggestions to include and inform the community.

MOVED by Pressman, SECONDED by Potter recommending the placement of the Dan Graham Pavilion in the proposed location presented; in the north east quadrant of Rodeo and Beverly Drive; north of Santa Monica Boulevard, and south of Park Way. (7/0)

AYES: Stover, Potter, Pressman, Chalom, Smooke, Friedman, Shepard  
ABSENT: Smooke (left meeting at 4:59 p.m.)  
ABSTAIN: None  
CARRIED

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS/STAFF**

**2010 COMMITTEE ROSTER/ COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS (point person in bold)**

Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Committee (**Shepard**, Potter)  
Education (Arts -4- All/BHUSD) Committee (**Friedman**)  
Public Art Master Plan Committee (Shepard, Smooke, **Stover**)  
Public Art Tour/Outreach Committee (Shepard, Chalom, **Pressman**)  
Public Art Maintenance/ Preservation Committee (**Pressman**, Friedman, Smooke) none  
Public Art Ordinance Revisions Committee (Chalom, Pressman, **Stover**)  
Recreation & Park Commission Liaisons (Shepard, Friedman)  
Weisman Art Foundation Committee (Friedman, **Smooke**)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

**SYNOPSIS**

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION**

Special Meeting of Tuesday, December 21, 2010  
Room 280-A, Beverly Hills City Hall, 455 N. Rexford Drive  
2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:17 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Anderson, Gersh, Gold, Blumenfeld,  
Block,  
Absent: None

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Gold, SECONDED by Rothner to  
approve as presented (5/0)

**TAB**

1. Minutes of November 23, 2010

AYES: Anderson, Gersh, Gold, Rothner,  
Block

ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
CARRIED

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
AUDIENCE**

**NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/  
CORRESPONDENCE**

Councilmember Mirisch gave a report on the proposed naming of the La Cienega Park Baseball Field in honor of Dodger Baseball Announcer Vin Scully. A copy of the City Council Study Session Report was included in the Commission packet.

2. Request of Councilmember Mirisch for the naming of La Cienega Park baseball field in honor of Vin Scully

Members of the public were invited to speak. Vice Mayor Brucker, Mr. Murray D. Fischer, and Mr. Noah Furie addressed the Commission in support of the request for the naming of La Cienega Park baseball field in honor of Mr. Scully.

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Councilmember Mirisch responded to the Commissions questions and concerns.

MOVED by Gold, SECONDED by Gersh to approve Councilmember Mirisch's request for the naming of La Cienega Park baseball field in honor of Vin Scully. (5/0)

AYES: Anderson, Gersh, Gold, Rothner,  
Block

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED

Chief Assistant City Attorney Roxanne Diaz gave a presentation discussing the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Laws, and responded to Commission's inquires.

3. Review of Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Laws – Chief Assistant Attorney Roxanne Diaz

Assistant Director of Community Services/ Recreation and Parks provided the Commission with updates on the following Capital Improvement programs which included: Greystone Park Phase III Grounds Improvements; Greystone Mansion HVAC Systems; Gateway Signage Project; Roxbury Community Center.

4. CIP – Report

Assistant Director of Community Services/ Recreation and Parks provided the Commission with updates on the following: Landscape Maintenance RFP; Tree Services RFP; Catering Services RFP; Taste of Beverly Hills -2011; CPRS Awards – Submission of Farmers' Market "Farm to Table" Video; Dedication of Lower Greystone Estate Landscaping Improvements; Calendar 2011 Meeting Dates (provided).

5. Assistant Director's Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY  
COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS  
FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

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Commission Ad Hoc Reports were tabled to the next Commission Meeting on January 25, 2011.

**AD Hoc/CHAIRPERSON REPORTS**

6. Commission Ad Hoc Reports

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Block/Rothner)
- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Block/Rothner)
- c. Farmers' Market (Rothner/Anderson)
- d. Fine Arts (Rothner/Gersh)
- e. Gateway Signage Project (Block/Anderson)
- f. Gifting Concept (Gold/Anderson)
- g. Greystone Park (Gersh/Anderson)
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Block/Gold)
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Gold/Gersh)
- j. Sports (Block/Gold)
- k. Street Tree Master Plan (Gold/Anderson)
- l. Teens (Rothner/Gersh)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**