

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

**FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2012
4:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Shepard, Pressman and Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: Potter, Vice Chair Chalom
Staff: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker

B. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by, SECONDED by to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2012 with one correction.

Ayes: Commissioners Friedman, Shepard, Pressman, Chair Smooke

Noes: None

Absent: Potter, Chalom

CARRIED. 4/0

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

none

D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chair Chalom attended the Mayor's Cabinet for June. Chair Smooke read from the notes taken at that meeting.

Other Items:

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY-*no comment*

- a) The Fine Art Fund is reported at \$900,924.64.
- b) Staff provided an update on the Millard Sheets mural installation. The structural engineering report has come back and the structure of the proposed installation site is, indeed, strong enough to support the mural. Alan Schneider is in talks with Carnevale & Lohr, where the mural has been in storage for 17 years, and who was involved in the original installation of it.
- c) Guy Dill's *Egalmah, The Great Palace*, will be removed from its present location atop one of the City's reservoir locations, deconstructed into 2 smaller tableaus, and reinstalled on Burton Way, between Palm and Oakhurst Drives, assuming all goes well with the Public Works report on that block to be able to support the installation.
- d) The first payment of Plensa's *Untitled*, from The *Endless* series, has been sent to the Richard Gray Gallery in Chicago. The artist has begun work on the sculpture.
- e) Staff relayed the news to Ironwood that the Commission had declined their request for participation in the cost to repair the Kusama piece due to the fact that Ironwoods obligation to repair any damages to the piece was outlined in the warranty.

OTHER ITEMS:

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

3. STEVE GORDON PRESENTATION ON BEVERLY GARDENS PROJECT

Steve Gordon, Chair of the Friends of the Beverly Gardens; Peri Ellen, past President of the Rodeo Drive Assn, and current President of the Walk of Style; Gabby Alexander, Development Director of the Beverly Gardens Restoration project; and Howard Rosoff, Park & Recreation Commissioner were on hand to present to the Fine Art Commission their plans for the restoration project, and to ask the assistance of the Fine Art Commission on a few key issues.

4. CONVERSATION WITH ROSA LOWINGER'S FIRM ABOUT PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Ms. Lowinger's assistant, Christina Varvi, was scheduled to present the survey of the City's collection to the Commission, but requested the presentation be delayed until July's Commission meeting. The survey is not fully ready for presentation.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING FOR *UNTITLED, AND THE HYMN OF LIFE*

This discussion and vote will be tabled until the July meeting of the Fine Art Commission.

7. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ART ORDINANCE

The Commissioners continued to discuss the proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance that was begun earlier in the day at the Special Meeting from 2pm to 4pm.

G. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Smooke adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.



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FINE ART COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
July 19, 2012
2:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Shepard, Pressman, Vice Chair Chalom, Chair Smooke
Absent: Potter ,
Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, P. Acuna, L. Foraker

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

2. DISCUSSION OF FINE ART ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Commissioners resumed the examination of the proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance from June 21, 2012.

3. COMMISSION RECESSES TO EXAMINE LOCATIONS AROUND CITY HALL CAMPUS TO INSTALL JOAN BROWN'S CENTER OBELISK

At 3:40 pm the Fine Art Commissioners and Staff retired to various spots around the City Hall campus to determine the most favorable location to install Joan Brown's Center Obelisk. Upon their return to the meeting room, a vote was taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Pressman moved to place Joan Brown's Center Obelisk in the Palm Court, in the center of the star inside the circular bench.
Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Shepard, Vice Chair Chalom, Chair Chalom

NOES: none

ABSENT: Commissioner Potter

CARRIED: 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Smooke adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Friedman, Shepard, Pressman, Vice Chair Chalom and Chair Smooke
Commissioners Absent: Potter,
Staff: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker

B. COMMISSION MINUTES

MOVED by, SECONDED by to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2012 with one correction.

Ayes: Commissioners Friedman, Shepard, Pressman, Chalom, Chair Smooke

Noes: None

Absent: Potter

CARRIED. 5/0

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

none

D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Smooke reported that the July Mayor's Cabinet Meeting was cancelled.

Other Items:

E. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY-*no comment*

- a) The Fine Art Fund is reported at \$903,412.83
- b) Staff provided an update on the Millard Sheets mural installation. The structural engineering report has come back and the structure of the proposed installation site is, indeed, strong enough to support the mural. Alan Schneider is in talks with Carnevale & Lohr, where the mural has been in storage for 17 years, and who was involved in the original installation of it.
- c) Staff provided an update on the status of installing Guy Dill's *Egalmah, The Great Palace*, on Burton Way, between Palm and Oakhurst Drives. Public Works has provided a visual report, stating there are no services on that block to prevent such an installation. A contract renewal is in the works with CBELOW, a company that scans underground services to guarantee nothing will be discovered in the middle of the installation which would prevent the installation from going to completion.
- d) The first payment of Plensa's *Untitled*, from The *Endless* series, has been sent to the Richard Gray Gallery in Chicago. The artist has begun work on the sculpture. He does not feel comfortable supplying photos of the work in progress, as previously was reported he might do. We may have delivery of the sculpture in November.

- e) Staff provided an update on Ironwood's expected reparation of Kusama's *Hymn of Life*.
- f) Staff presented an overview of the Missoni location tenant improvements.
- g) Staff postponed discussion of this project until Agenda Item # 6.
- h) Staff presented information on the Spago remodel. The bronze sculpture of a young girl reading a book satisfied Spago's original Fine Art Ordinance requirement. The piece has been removed from the location to prevent damage during the remodel and is in storage, waiting for the Commission to decide where to install it. There will be a new Fine Art Obligation associated with the remodel, but that does not negate the right of the designers to re-install the original work, which is their prerogative to do. If they choose that route, they will still owe a new fine art obligation on the remodel.
- i) Staff provided an update on the removal of the Shapiro sculpture by the owner of 9830 Wilshire, and what his options are to return or replace the piece, or provide an in lieu payment to the Fine Art fund equal to the original obligation.
- j) Staff presented an overview of the upcoming Citywide policy of taping all public meetings on the Granicus system to make available to the public 24/7 via our web-streaming technology. The Fine Art Commission meeting will go fully operational on this system for our Regular Meeting on Sept. 20th 2012.

OTHER ITEMS: None

F. NEW BUSINESS

3. PRESENTATION ON STEVE GORDON'S BEVERLY GARDENS RESTORATION

Staff provided clarification of Mr. Gordon's vision of the artwork to be installed as commemoration of donor's contributions to fund the work surrounding the various restoration efforts for Beverly Garden's Park; how the Fine Art Commission will provide the primary guidance in the selection of the work; where it will be installed; and how the names of donors will be presented in relationship to the artwork.

4. ROSA LOWINGER'S FIRM PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY SURVEY

Ms. Lowinger's assistant, Christina Varvi, presented the survey of the City owned artwork and their recommended priority for repairs to fill out the existing contract with Ms. Lowinger's firm through December of 2012.

MOTION: Commissioner Friedman moved that the preferred order of reparation to the City-owned works of art be:

1: *Hunter & Hounds*

2: *Playground*

3: *Spiral of Life*

Vice Chair Chalom seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners Shepard, Pressman, Chair Smooke

Noes: none

Absent: Commissioner Potter

Carried: 5/0

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING LIGHTING FOR *UNTITLED*, AND *THE HYMN OF LIFE*

In discussing the bids for this project, Commissioners pointed out that the bid coming in for the lower amount did not include the cost of the post onto which the light to illuminate the Kusama piece from the east will be hung, and a few other things; staff will communicate with the contractor to clarify scope and expectations.

6. INFORMATION REGARDING BULGARI BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Staff presented a project surrounding the Bulgari Building. A new tenant, Louis Vuitton, has been secured; a remodel of the space is due to start in early 2013. The remodel calls for the removal of the dome that sits atop the building, which was the offering that satisfied the original Fine Art Obligation for this location. The current Fine Art Ordinance does not recognize architectural detail as an option to satisfy the obligation, plus the fact that the dome was not designed by an artist. The profession of Mr. Larry Evans at the time of the construction was architectural illustrator. There are several issues surrounding this request and the claim of this particular piece to be a bona fide recognized work of art that the City Attorney's office must weigh in on before the Commission can accurately determine what course of action should be taken regarding the removal of the piece, and it's future.

7. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ART ORDINANCE

The Commissioners continued to discuss the proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance that was begun earlier in the day at the Special Meeting from 2pm to 4pm.

8. PRESENTATION REGARDING PROPOSED ARTS DISTRICT IN BEVERLY HILLS

Deputy City Manager David Lightner presented overview of a proposal to create an Arts District as a development project for the Southern portion of the City.

G. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Smooke adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SYNOPSIS**

July 19, 2012
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, Room 280-A
9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Pease, Ginsburg, Meshkaty, Sherman, Linder

Commissioners Absent: Nazarian

Staff Present: Latta, Kahn, Kyriazi

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2012:

MOTION by Sherman, SECONDED by Pease to approve as presented (4/0)

AYES: Pease, Ginsburg, Sherman, Linder
NOES: None
ABSENT: Nazarian, Meshkaty
ABSTAIN: None
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Brian Goldberg from the Beverly Hills Unified School District was not present

Sgt. Gregg Mader from the Beverly Hills Police Department was not present.

ADMINISTRATOR

Report from Human Services Administrator James R. Latta, L.C.S.W.

1. National Night Out, scheduled for August 7, to be held between the closed off Rexford Street of the BH Library and Fire Department.
2. 7th Annual Senior Health Fair at Roxbury Park; sponsored by Cedars Sinai.

Commissioner Meshkaty arrived at 9:34 a.m.

3. Reading Civility Statement at all meetings that gather under the direction of the city would mean changing the ordinance.
4. Election date March 5, 2012. Filing will be November through December. Candidate forums starting from mid January to late February. Ballots will have the Civility Statement on them.
5. Training class in Social Media will be offered in October.
6. Canby Woods offering affordable senior housing.
7. Granicus system, recording of Commission Meetings to be posted on the City's web site, will start in September 2012.

CHAIR

There was no Mayor's Cabinet meeting this month.

Tab 3. EMBRACE CIVILITY: REPORT FROM THE BULLYING PREVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Administrator Latta gave an update on the Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on July 11. Commission to finalize criteria for the bullying prevention video competition flyer and present to the BHUSD School Board at their August 14 meeting for approval of dissemination to students.

Vice Chair Sherman gave an update on their July 17 introduction of the video competition to the BHUSD requesting dissemination of the flyer.

Tab 4. REVIEW OF FIRST EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD:

The Commission discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the implementation process to determine if additional changes or steps were needed for improvement.

MOTION by Ginsburg, SECONDED by Pease: Move based on this year's precedent of June's presentation, we establish a calendar leading up to the Civility Award, including promotion, acceptance of nominations, deadline for nominations, determination of the recipient and the actual date of presentation so that we have an annual calendar that will allow us to plan accordingly. (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Ginsburg, Meshkaty, Sherman, Linder

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nazarian

ABSTAIN: None

CARRIED

Tab 5. VIDEOTAPING OF FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS:

New City requirement that all City Commissions must videotape their meetings and post them on the City's website. The videotaping of the Human Relations Commission will commence at the September meeting.

Tab 6. APPLICATION OF BROWN ACT TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez reviewed the Brown Act in preparation for the Commission's September transition to the Granicus videotaping system.

Tab 7. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

City Council will acknowledge retiring Commissioner Meshkaty at their September meeting.

Chair rotation in September.

CALENDAR FOR 2012-13 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:

None.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

The Commission expressed their gratitude to Commissioner Meshkaty as he retires from the Commission.

ADJOURN

Chair Linder adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.