



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 11, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services
Subject: Request to relocate *Center Obelisk* by Joan Brown to the center of the circular seating area in the Palm Court south of City Hall
Attachments:

INTRODUCTION

Staff recommends the relocation of *Center Obelisk* by Joan Brown to the center of the circular seating area in the Palm Court between City Hall and the Fire Department. The piece was previously installed at 9336/9346 Civic Center Drive (formerly the Hilton Headquarters) as part of that location's fine art obligation. Recent renovations to these buildings have made it difficult to retain the piece on site, and as a result, the owners approached the Fine Arts Commission about relocating the piece onto City property. The City Council Fine Arts liaison (Bosse and Brucker) as well as the Fine Arts Commission supports this recommendation and further recommends the installation of the piece in the circular seating area in the Palm Court, south of City Hall. All costs for relocating, installing and lighting the piece would be borne by the building owners.

DISCUSSION

Last year the owners of 9336/9346 Civic Center Drive L.P. (UTA and Playboy building) approached the Fine Arts Commission about relocating Joan Brown's *Center Obelisk* onto City property. The piece was originally installed in the front plaza of the complex and planned renovations made it difficult to retain the piece on site. The artwork satisfied a portion of the Public Art obligation when the buildings were built in 1985. The Fine Arts Commission with support of the Council liaison recommended allowing the piece to be installed on City property. After careful consideration of a number of locations, the Fine Arts Commission unanimously recommends that the piece be relocated to the center of the circular seating area in the Palm Court between City Hall and the Fire Station. This recommendation is also supported by the Fine Arts Commission liaison members, Councilmembers Brucker and Bosse.

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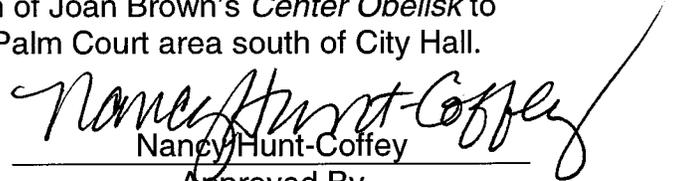
Civic Center Drive L.P. would pay for all costs associated with relocating and installing the piece. If Council approves the relocation of this piece, staff will come back at a later date with the appropriate documentation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approves the relocation of Joan Brown's *Center Obelisk* to the center of the circular seating area in the Palm Court area south of City Hall.


Nancy Hunt-Coffey
Approved By