



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 4, 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 planter

Attachments: Map with location

INTRODUCTION

The Fine Art Commission and City Council liaison members Brucker and Bosse recommend the relocation of *Center Obelisk* by Joan Brown to planter area between the main entrances to the Beverly Hills Public Library. 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 owners would donate the piece to the City; however, all costs for relocating, maintaining, installing and lighting the piece would be borne by the building owners.

DISCUSSION

Last year the owners of 9336/9346 Civic Center Drive, Tishman Speyer, 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 numerous locations, the Fine Arts Commission unanimously recommends that the piece be relocated to the planter at the northwest corner of the library. This recommendation is also supported by the Fine Arts Commission liaison members, Councilmembers Brucker and Bosse.

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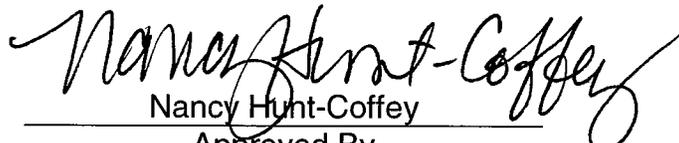
Tishman Speyer would pay for all costs associated with relocating, installing and maintaining the piece. If Council approves the relocation of this piece, staff will come back at a later date with the appropriate documentation.

FISCAL IMPACT

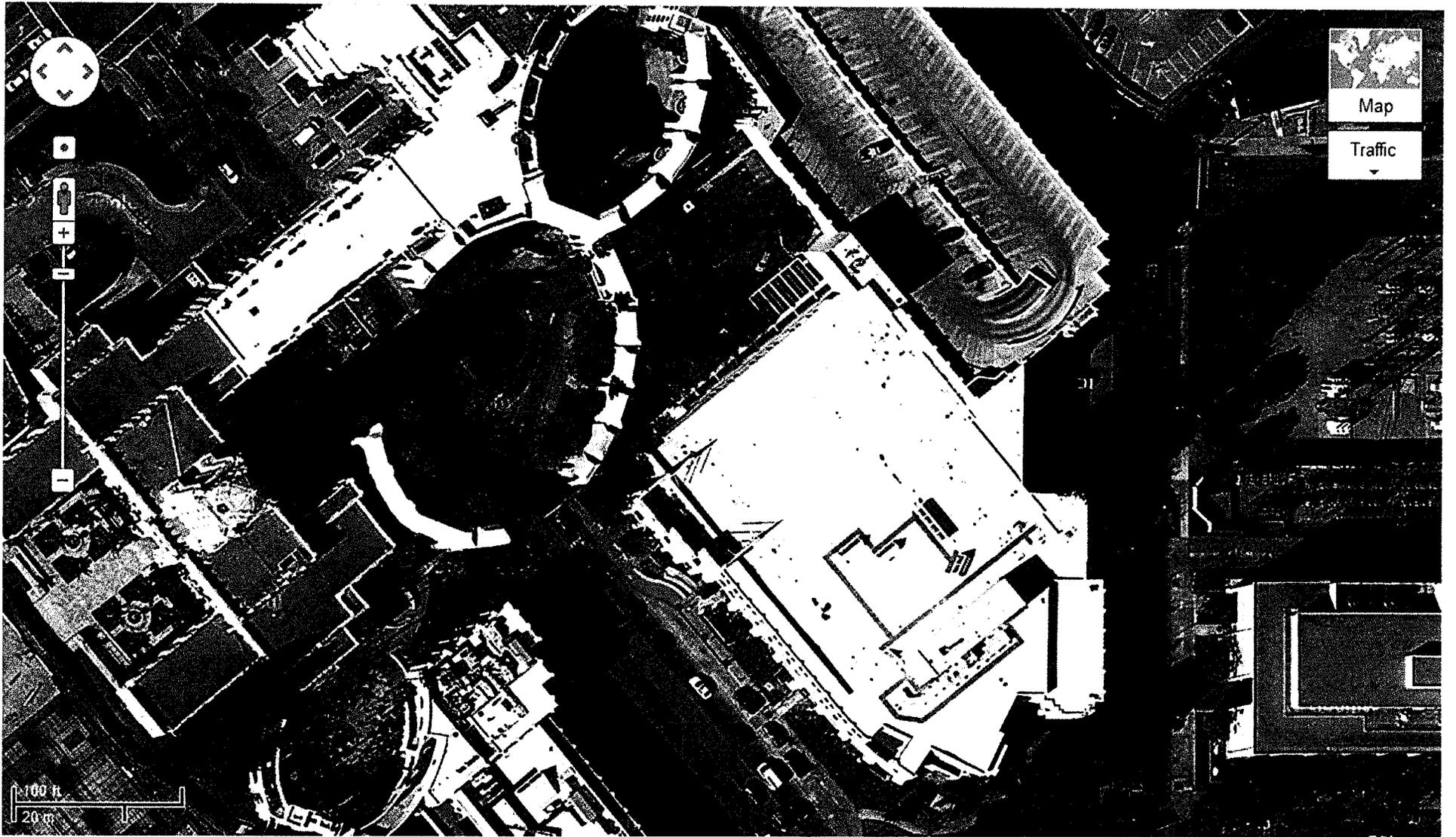
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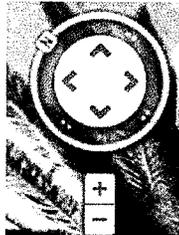
RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approves the relocation of Joan Brown's *Center Obelisk* to the planter area at the northwest corner of the Beverly Hills Library.


Nancy Hunt-Coffey
Approved By

Attachment 1





448 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, United States
Address is approximate

Photos

