



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
May 2, 2013  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: May 2, 2013 / 1:31 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Hubschman, Wyka, Strauss, Vice Chair Nathan,  
Chair Pepp

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Michele McGrath, Peter Noonan, Cindy Gordon, Reina Kapadia,  
Karen Myron (Community Development Department)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented.

Action: **The agenda was approved as presented.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Speakers: None.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Design Review Commission Meeting on March 7, 2013.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Nathan; Second by Commissioner Strauss to  
approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

Action: **The minutes were approved as presented.**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

2. **700 NORTH LINDEN DRIVE (PL1231906)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story  
single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica  
Boulevard.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Sarah Wear – Wear House Design  
Public Input: None.

*The Commission took a brief recess at 2:18pm*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:23pm*

Motion: Motion by Chair Pepp, Second by Vice Chair Nathan to return the project for restudy (5-0).  
**Action: The project was returned for restudy.**

**3. 804 NORTH CAMDEN DRIVE (PL1305714)**

A request for a revision to a previously approved R-1 Design Review Permit to modify the approved landscape plan for a two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: David Shamsian  
Public Input: Barry Pressman.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Wyka, Second by Vice Chair Nathan to deny the resolution approving the project (5-0).  
**Action: The approval resolution was denied with conditions.**

Motion: Motion by Chair Pepp, Second by Commissioner Wyka to approve the resolution denying the project (5-0).  
**Action: The denial resolution was approved with conditions.**

*The Commission took a recess at 3:19pm*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:51pm*

*After a discussion, Staff determined that denial resolutions may not be conditioned. The Commission chose to reconsider the item as noted.*

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss, Second by Commissioner Wyka to reconsider Item #3, 804 North Camden Drive (5-0).  
**Action: Item #3 was reconsidered.**

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Wyka, Second by Commissioner Strauss to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).  
**Action:** **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

*Vice Chair Nathan recused herself from Item #4*

**4. 723 NORTH LINDEN DRIVE (PL1305729)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel of an existing two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

**Planner:** Reina Kapadia, Limited Term Planner  
**Applicant:** Stephen Samuel  
**Public Input:** None.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Strauss, Second by Chair Pepp to approve the resolution with conditions (4-0-1, Nathan recused).  
**Action:** **The resolution was approved with conditions.**

*Vice Chair Nathan re-joined the meeting.*

**5. 321 SOUTH OAKHURST DRIVE (PL1305745)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow the construction of a new two-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard.

**Planner:** Reina Kapadia, Limited Term Planner  
**Applicant:** Sia Jazayeri – Sia Architectural Design  
**Public Input:** Steve Webb

**Motion:** Motion by Chair Pepp, Second by Commissioner Wyka to return the project for restudy (5-0).  
**Action:** **The project was returned for restudy.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION**

None.

*Commissioner Strauss left the meeting at 5:10pm.*

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

Update on Zoning Code Update (Senior Planner Peter Noonan)

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: May 2, 2013 / 5:19 PM

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

May 16, 2013  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
City Hall, Council Chambers  
9:30 a.m.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Kahn, Kyriazi

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**Tab 1. REGULAR MEETING OF April 18, 2013:**

MOTION by Nazarian, SECONDED by Pease to approve as presented (5/0)

AYES: Pease, Linder, Nazarian, Ginsburg, Sherman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
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 provided an update on:

1. The Board of Education is going to be discussing a bond acceleration program in addition to a parcel tax.
2. The School Board election scheduled for November 2013.

3. The Executive Director of the Beverly Hills Education Foundation resigned.

Sergeant Max Subin, from the Beverly Hills Police Department provided an update:

1. National Take-Back event, BHPD taking back unwanted or expired medication, was very successful.
2. The road rage incident with the bicyclist; no arrests have been made but information is still coming in from the video that was posted on Vimeo.
3. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Beverly Hills Courthouse will be closing for felony and misdemeanor arraignments and trials, and moved to Airport and Santa Monica courts.
4. North-end cars are still being left unlocked resulting in thefts.

## **ADMINISTRATOR**

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

1. Commission membership recruitment.
2. Budget process.
3. Beverly Hills Courier, April 26, 2013, *Human Relations Commission in the Planning Stages to turn Beverly Hills into a "Civil City"*
4. May 18 - 19<sup>th</sup> – Art Show.
5. ESL program update.

## **CHAIR**

Chair Sherman provided highlights from the Mayor's Cabinet meeting.

### **Tab 3. BEVERLY HILLS SENIOR TAXI COUPON PROGRAM:**

Transportation planner, Martha Eros, presented the new Senior Taxi Coupon Program conversion from paper to electronic fare media to the Commission.

### **Tab 4. CIVIL CITY PROPOSAL UPDATE:**

The Commission viewed the presentation by Chair Sherman and Commissioner Pease speaking at the Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting about the Civil City program. When the remaining commissions have been visited and feedback received; staff will provide a list of comments and suggestions.

### **Tab 5. EMBRACE CIVILITY: BULLYING PREVENTION VIDEO COMPETITION UPDATE:**

The rules of the competition were reviewed and discussed to confirm validation of all entries. It was agreed that a composite video of the qualifying entries be compiled for viewing by the commissioners for independent ranking prior to group selection of the winner.

**Tab 6. 2013 EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD:**

It was agreed to extend the deadline to August 15<sup>th</sup> to receive more submissions. New signs and posters will be made with the extended deadline and distributed.

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

May 20<sup>th</sup>, Chair Sherman and Commissioner Linder attending the Health and Safety Commission to discuss the Civil City proposal.

June 6<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chair Ginsberg and Commissioner Nazarian will be attending the Traffic & Parking Commission to discuss the Civil City proposal.

**CALENDAR FOR 2013 COMMISSION MEETING DATES:**

Vice-Chair Ginsburg and Commissioner Linder will be absent from the June meeting.

**COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

None.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Commissioner Linder congratulated Chair Sherman for staying on top of the Bullying Prevention Video project; being positive and insisting on getting submissions.

Commissioner Pease concurred saying he's aware how difficult it is to receive submissions and additionally reminded everyone that Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, will be the last day to view the art work submitted by the BHUSD K-8 students that is on display in the Municipal Gallery.

Chair Sherman reminded everyone to enjoy their weekend by visiting the Art Show being held in Beverly Gardens park.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.



Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
SYNOPSIS

FINE ART COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 22, 2013  
4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Smooke, Friedman, Potter, Pressman, Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, P. Acuna, L. Foraker

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

#### **1. COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Minutes of April 18th were approved as amended.

#### **2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz, Patty Acuna, Lois Foraker)**

- **Information only**

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$729,478.42.
- B. Two Fine Art Commissioners cannot, after all, come to the July priority exercise due to commitments taking them out of town. The Commission chose to cancel the July meeting and move the priority exercise to August 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm, followed by the Regular Meeting from 4-6 pm.
- C. The replacement lighting fixture for the Plensa sculpture has arrived; F.I.R.E., Ltd, the vendor, has tested the fixture for water tightness, and David Korade, contractor, will install the fixture at no charge.
- D. The City Attorney's office has completed the Agreement and presented it to Tishman/Speyer; we are awaiting their response.
- E. Louis Vuitton will not be leasing One Rodeo on a long-term basis. They will temporarily use the space while the retail space to the north is readied for them, which means the dome will remain where it is. The owners of One Rodeo are examining the condition of the dome for repairs.
- F. There was nothing to report on the art maintenance project.
- G. Valarie Miranda, Fine Art Commission intern from the Academy of Couture Art, has begun her search of records to develop a list of works of art brought to the Commission by the developer's option. The next phase will be in creating the letter to be sent to all the property owners to verify that the artwork associated with the project address is still there.

- H. Staff will present solutions approved by the Fine Art Commission to Parks staff.
- I. City Council is focused on the budget, so the Millard Sheets mural project got pushed back on the agenda. The Commissioners decided to stop choosing potential dates until the Council has had a chance to fully vet the project and provide the Commission with a few dates.

- **Other Items**

None

**CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**3. DISCUSS RELOCATION OF ARTWORK FROM 2 RODEO TO CITY PROPERTY**

Mr. Bill Wiley, General Manager of 2 Rodeo, presented to the Commissioners the potential donation of the columns that had been removed from the premises, for installation on City property. The columns had originally provided the Fine Art Obligation associated with the property. The Commissioners felt more information was needed to make a responsible and informed decision.

**4. PRESENTATION OF DONATION OF ORIGINAL ARTWORK**

Lisa Bechtold, Studio Manager for artist America Martin, presented the proposed donation of a sculpture by Ms. Martin, entitled *Woman at Rest, at L'Ermitage* to be installed in the Burton Way median in front of the Hotel.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved to not accept the donation of artwork by America Martin for the Beverly Hills collection of public art due to the fact that the proposal does not meet the minimum requirements of the Fine Art Ordinance. Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Potter

**CARRIED:** 4/0

**5. PRESENTATION OF WORK BY MIA LEHRER TO DISCUSS ARTWORK SECURITY**

Ms. Lehrer presented an overview of what she feels is the way to protect Kusama's Hymn of Life sculpture in Beverly Gardens Park. She presented an additional surround of existing planter areas comprised of decomposed granite, with a denser band of foliage, as well as a 1.5' fence around the piece, closest to the inner ring of planter. The Commissioners do not feel this solution is effective enough.

**6. UPDATE ON FENCING FOR KUSAMA'S *HYMN OF LIFE*.**

Staff presented 3 bids for the fencing solution chosen by the Fine Art Commission. Chair Chalom and Vice Chair Pressman spoke of the City Council/Fine Art Commission Liaison meeting just prior to the Commission meeting at which the issue of the fencing was discussed. The Council Liaison firmly advised the Commission to return to the drawing board with regard to the fencing; the Fine Art Commission's choice will not be approved. The Commissioners will examine further options.

**7. DISCUSSION OF BORDERS AROUND *ENDLESS V, ERRATC, AND PLAYGROUND***

Staff presented various colors of decomposed granite for consideration by the Fine Art Commissioners to select the preferred color for use in creating the 1.5' border around each piece in the collection in an attempt to protect the artwork from water damage. The Commissioners selected #2 and #7 of the options presented to use in photo shopped examples of what to present for selection.

## 8. DISCUSSION OF FINE ART ORDINANCE REVISIONS

Chair Chalom and Vice Chair Pressman reported on the City Council Liaison, who were very pleased with the work that has been accomplished with regard to the proposed revisions; Vice Mayor Bosse applauded the achievement. Councilmember Gold presented several ideas for examination. Input from the City Attorney's office will be necessary on several issues, as well. The Commission chose to move forward with two suggestions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved to strike the word "regionally" from the proposed revisions to the Fine Art Ordinance, 3-1-808 (2). Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Potter

**CARRIED:** 4/0

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved to amend the proposed revisions of the Fine Art Ordinance, 3-1-804, adding the word "protection" as item #6, thereby moving current item #6, " promotional activities associated with...." to become item #7. Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Vice Chair Pressman, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Potter

**CARRIED:** 4/0

## 9. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Commission reorganized the existing committees and assignments.

### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Smooke reported on a visit from Paul Gray, Gallery owner, who brought Jaume Plensa, artist to view *Endless V* in situ. Mr. Plensa loved the installation, and was very pleased with how the City chose to present his work.

Vice Chair Pressman reported that JP Morgan Chase sent 13 black and white photos of Millard Sheets installations on multiple bank facades around Southern California; they've been sent to us for use at the dedication ceremony, and to keep for future exhibits.

Commissioner Friedman reported that a date to remember is May 30<sup>th</sup>; there will be an art festival at the High School, starting at 3pm, going till 7pm.

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