



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

FINE ART COMMISSION  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 January 16, 2014  
 4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**1. COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Minutes of November 21, 2013 were approved as amended  
 The Minutes of December 17, 2013 were approved as amended

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

• **Information only**

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$936,103.29  
 The Commissioners are requesting a more understandable breakdown of the deposits and withdrawals from the Fine Art Fund.
- B. The Commission was presented with the minutes from the ad hoc meeting of the FAC and R&P Liaison's meeting with Councilmember Gold to discuss jurisdiction between the two Commissions.
- C. Plans between FIAC and the City of Beverly Hills are on hold until such time as the contractual encumbrances on City land that FIAC is interested in for their event can be resolved.
- D. Staff will meet with the City Attorney to go over the proposed Ordinance revisions in great detail.
- E. Center Obelisk has been removed from Tishman Speyer property and is at Cooke's Crating waiting for a final analysis as to the restoration needed in order to install the piece in its recommended new home in front of the Library, just to the north of the Rexford entrance.
- F. The Arts of Palm project, associated with the Centennial Celebration, is going forward with multiple planned installations around City Hall

Campus, which will be on display for the entire year of our City's celebration.

- G. Staff presented to City Council on January 21 an overview of the restoration project that was undertaken over 1 year ago, and has resulted in highlighting how exciting the City owned public art collection is. Staff also presented information on the cause of rust spots on the Kusama.
- H. Carolyn Hiller, Commissioner elect, was presented to the Commission. She will be sworn in at the end of the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and her first official meeting as a Commissioner will be March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- I. A flyer outlining the Centennial Art Contest specifically for the young residents of Beverly Hills was presented.
- J. The mini-documentary surrounding the restoration and installation of the Millard Sheets mosaic has been expanded to a larger vision of this iconic Southern California artist and the multiple installations of his works in Beverly Hills.
- K. Staff has begun to update the Rules and Procedures, as requested a few months ago. Before it is brought to the Commission for discussion and input, it was decided to wait until any changes recommended by City Council can be included.

- **Other Items**

***CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS***

**3. DISCUSSION AROUND NICOLE MALONEY'S *OUT OF ONE MANY* PROJECT**

This project was originally presented to the Fine Art Commission, who at the time, recommended that the piece and subject matter be presented to the Human Relations Commission. The HRC is very committed to this project. Staff wanted to get a final response from the Fine Art Commission as to their interest in this project.

**4. UPDATE ON SURROUNDING CITY OWNED ARTWORK WITH DECOMPOSED GRANITE**

Staff reported on the relationship with TruGreen, a sub-contractor with the City; staff is recommending we accept this company's bids, believing we will save money in the long run, since we know their work is always dependable and their pricing is very competitive.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Smooke moved to accept bid by TruGreen Landscaping to provide protective barriers of decomposed granite in the amount of \$1380 for Spiral of Life, and Playground, Endless V, and Erratic in the amount of \$3200 contingent upon securing a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid. Vice Chair Pressman seconded the bid.

**AYES:** Commissioner Kaye, Chair Chalom

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Potter

**CARRIED:** 4/0

**5. UPDATE ON PROTECTION MEASURES FOR KUSAMA'S *HYMN OF LIFE***

The inverted barrier concept to protect the Kusama has been developing over the last year, and will be considered by the City Council at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Study Session. Chair Chalom, Vice Chair Pressman and Commissioner Kaye will attend the Study Session to speak in favor of this solution and to ask any questions that might arise.

**6. DISCUSSION OF RECREATION AND PARKS, AND THE FINE ART COMMISSION LIAISON MEETING TO APPROVE OF PLACEMENT OF CAROL BOVE'S ARTWORK**

The Liaison of both the Fine Art Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission met in Beverly Gardens' Park to discuss the FAC approved location of the proposed Carol Bove's commission, inspired by her work *Prudence*. Commissioner Gersh approved the proposed site, and Chair Anderson chose to withhold his vote until the convening of the Recreation and Park Commission meeting. Vice Chair Pressman will attend the R&P meeting for the discussion.

**7. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED LOAN BY MAURO PERUCCHETTI**

Given the limited space granted to the Commission to display loaned artwork in the City, the Commissioners are reluctant to commit that space to this artist's work.

**8. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED LOAN OF ARTWORK FROM THE RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL ART COLLECTION**

This collection requires indoor space, not outdoor. The indoor space available to accept this proposal is problematic in that the Municipal Gallery is so limited in the time that could be committed to such a collection as to make it not worth the staff time necessary to install such an exhibit, and the Library niche Gallery does not have enough traffic to warrant the installation, not to mention there is no way, at present, to secure the pieces installed in the Library.

**9. DETERMINE NEXT STEPS TO TAKE IN CREATING THE DEVELOPER'S BROCHURE**

Vice Chair Pressman and Commissioner Kaye will begin the process of creating the Developer's Brochure, an informational guide to assist the developer's navigate the mandates put forth in the Fine Art Ordinance, once their project has triggered a Fine Art Obligation.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

An update on Mark Leonard's, former Beverly Hills Fine Art Commissioner, educational project in Texas that has been developed in Dallas

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Chalom adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



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

**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
February 6, 2014  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: February 6, 2014 / 1:35 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Hubschman (*arrived 1:38pm*), Pepp, Strauss, Vice Chair Wyka, Chair Nathan.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: William Crouch, Cindy Gordon, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Speakers: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Pepp, second by Vice Chair Wyka to approve the agenda as amended, hearing Item #8 – 356 South Clark Drive, immediately after the adoption of the minutes (4-0-1, Hubschman absent).

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

**EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

- Chair Nathan disclosed a meeting with staff and the applicant team of the project at 144 South Almont Drive.
- Commissioner Strauss disclosed that she and her husband are currently working with Hamid Gabbay, the applicant for Item #10 – 308 South Almont Drive, to obtain an In-Lieu Parking permit for a project of their own, The Palm restaurant at 267 North Canon Drive. Commissioner Strauss advised that she would recuse from Item #10 if the remaining Commissioners felt this posed a conflict of interest. The consensus of the Commission was that her recusal was not necessary.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Design Review Commission Special Meeting on January 6, 2014.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Pepp, Second by Commissioner Strauss to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

2. **718 NORTH ROXBURY DRIVE (PL1331145)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel to an existing one-story single-family residence located in the Central Area of the City north of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project will be continued to the Thursday, March 6, 2014 Design Review Commission regular meeting.)*

3. **510 NORTH BEVERLY DRIVE (PL1332643)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project will be continued to the Thursday, March 6, 2014 Design Review Commission regular meeting.)*

4. **512 WALDEN DRIVE (PL1332699)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*This project will be continued to the Thursday, March 6, 2014 Design Review Commission regular meeting.)*

*(Taken out of order)*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **8. 356 SOUTH CLARK DRIVE (PL1400474)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: David Assulin  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss, Second by Vice Chair Wyka to return the project for restudy (5-0).

**Action: The project was returned for restudy.**

*(Return to order)*

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **5. 144 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE (PL1318426)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(Continued from the Design Review Commission meeting on November 7, 2013.)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Persai Bahara  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Wyka, Second by Commissioner Pepp to direct staff to prepare a resolution denying the project, to be adopted at the March 6, 2014 Design Review Commission meeting (5-0).

**Action: The Commission directed staff to prepare a denial resolution to be adopted at the March 6, 2014 Design Review Commission meeting.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:24 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:33 pm.*

**6. 617 NORTH BEDFORD DRIVE (PL1332490)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(Continued from the Design Review Commission meeting on January 6, 2014.)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Ben Borukhim – bBA Studios  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Pepp, Second by Commissioner Strauss to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was approved with conditions.**

**7. 727 NORTH RODEO DRIVE (PL1332513)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(Continued from the Design Review Commission meeting on January 6, 2014.)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Elias Real Estate LLC  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Strauss, Second by Commissioner Pepp to return the project for restudy (5-0).

**Action: The project was returned for restudy.**

*The Commission took a recess at 3:46 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:53 pm.*

**9. 217 SOUTH WILLAMAN DRIVE (PL1400491)**

A request for an R-1 Design Review Permit to allow a façade remodel and second-story addition to an existing one-story single family residence located in the Central Area of the City south of Santa Monica Boulevard. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: GA Engineering Inc.  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Pepp, Second by Commissioner Strauss to approve the project for restudy (5-0).

**Action: The project was returned for restudy.**

**10. 308 SOUTH ALMONT DRIVE**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Applicant: Hamid Gabbay  
Public Input: Barbara Linder, Craig Davis

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Pepp, Second by Vice Chair Wyka to return the project for restudy (5-0).

**Action: The project was returned for restudy.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair Nathan gave a brief report from the Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting on January 6, 2014.
- Commissioner Pepp commented on the need for an increased number of Code Enforcement Officers and Building Inspectors.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

None.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: February 6, 2014 /5:03 PM