



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

**CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING SYNOPSIS**  
**February 20, 2014**  
**1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: February 20, 2014 / 1:36 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Greer, Pynoos, Furie, Vice Chair Beck, Chair Waldow.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: William Crouch, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron, Diana Varat; Jan Ostashay (City Historic Consultant).

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Speakers: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Chair Waldow, Second by Vice Chair Beck to approve the agenda as presented (5-0).

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

**EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Cultural Heritage Commission Regular Meeting of January 8, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Furie, Second by Commissioner Greer to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **2. Denial of Landmark Nomination for Inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of Master Architect Property at 1484 Carla Ridge, Beverly Hills.**

Adopt a resolution declining to designate the property at 1484 Carla Ridge, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Jan Ostashay, City Historic Consultant

Owner Representative: Kevin McDonnell

Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Greer, Second by Vice Chair Beck to approve the resolution as amended (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was approved as amended.**

### **3. Landmark Nomination for Inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of Master Architect Property at 1000 North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills.**

Adopt a resolution recommending City Council designate 1000 North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Jan Ostashay, City Historic Consultant

Owner Representative: Clare Bronowski, Katie Horak

Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Beck, Second by Commissioner Furie to approve the resolution as amended (5-0).

**Action: The resolution was approved as amended.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:29 pm.*

*The Commission Reconvened at 2:37 pm*

### **4. Landmark Nomination for inclusion onto Local Register of Historic Properties of Master Architect Property at 620 North Sierra Drive, Beverly Hills.**

Adopt a resolution recommending City Council designate 620 N. Sierra Drive, Beverly Hills as a Local Landmark.

Planner: William Crouch, Urban Designer  
Jan Ostashay, City Historic Consultant

Owners: Geoffrey and Benedicta Oblath  
Public Input: None.  
Motion: Motion by Commissioner Furie, Second by Commissioner Greer to approve the resolution as amended (5-0).  
**Action: The resolution was approved as amended.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair Waldow informed the Commission that the annual California Preservation Conference will be held April 22 – 25, 2014 in Pacific Grove.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

- Urban Designer William Crouch informed the Commission of the properties which are scheduled to go before City Council for Landmark designation on March 4, along with a request to extend the Pilot Mills Act program for an additional three (3) years.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: February 20, 2014 /3:05 PM



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**ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
March 19, 2014  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: March 19, 2014 / 1:34 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Kaye, Peteris, Gardner Apatow, Vice Chair Bernstein, Chair Blakeley.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: William Crouch, Michele McGrath, Cindy Gordon, Timothea Tway, Karen Myron.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Speakers: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Vice Chair Bernstein to approve the agenda as presented (5-0).

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Architectural Commission Meeting on February 19, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Bernstein, Second by Commissioner Kaye to approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. **CHASE BANK (PL1402529)**  
**9465 Wilshire Boulevard**

Request for approval of a revision to a previously approved sign accommodation to allow multiple business identification signs. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Project Agent: Steve Therriault  
Public Input: None.

**3. MAC COSMETICS (PL1403140)**

**363 North Beverly Drive**

Request for approval of a façade remodel, a sign accommodation for multiple business identification signs, and a construction barricade graphic. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Project Agent: MAC Cosmetics  
Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Bernstein, Second by Commissioner Gardner Apatow to approve the Consent Calendar as presented (5-0).

**Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.**

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**4. 132 SOUTH BEVERLY DRIVE (PL1310235)**

Request for approval of a façade remodel and a sign program. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(This project will be continued to the April 16, 2014 Architectural Commission meeting)*

*(taken out of order)*

**6. 449-455 & 457-461 NORTH CANON DRIVE (PL1333361 & PL1403223)**

Request for approval of a façade remodel and business identification signage. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(Continued from the Architectural Commission meeting on January 15, 2014)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner  
Project Agent: Cosimo Pizzuli  
Public Input: None.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner Apatow, Second by Vice Chair Bernstein to approve the resolution for 449-455 North Canon Drive with conditions (5-0).

**Action:** **The resolution for 449-455 North Canon Drive was approved with conditions.**

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Gardner Apatow, Second by Vice Chair Bernstein to approve the resolution for 457-461 North Canon Drive with conditions (5-0).

**Action:** **The resolution for 457-461 North Canon Drive was approved with conditions.**

*The Commission took a recess at 2:22 pm*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:29 pm*

## **NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **7. COS (PL1403234)**

#### **357 North Beverly Drive**

Request for approval of a façade remodel, a sign accommodation for multiple business identification signs, and a sign accommodation to allow business identification signage to be located on a wall abutting an alley or private property. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Planner:** Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner

**Project Agent:** Bruce Parsons

**Public Input:** None.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Commissioner Kaye to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

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

*The Commission took a recess at 2:59 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 2:29 pm.*

*(Return to order)*

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS, CONTINUED**

### **5. SAM EDELMAN (PL1331929)**

#### **342 North Beverly Drive**

Request for approval of a façade remodel, business identification signage, and a construction barricade graphic. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

*(Continued from the Architectural Commission meeting on December 18, 2014)*

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner

Project Agent: Matt Walsh - IDA

Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Peteris, Second by Commissioner Gardner Apatow to approve the resolution with conditions (5-0).

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

*The Commission took a recess at 3:24 pm*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:26 pm*

## **PROJECT PREVIEW**

### **8. 9725 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD (PL1403483)**

Request for preliminary review of a façade remodel and business identification signage.

Planner: Cindy Gordon, Associate Planner

Project Agent: Yassi Gabbay

Public Input: None.

**Action: The Commission reviewed the project and provided feedback, but took no action on this item.**

## **DISCUSSION**

### **9. Proposed Changes to Public Noticing Requirements for Planning Applications**

A discussion on proposed changes to public noticing requirements for planning applications including changes to public noticing requirements for architectural review applications.

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Planner                    Timothea Tway, Assistant Planner; Michele McGrath, Principal Planner  
Public Input:            None.  
**Action:**                **The Commission received the report and provided feedback, but took no action on this item.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair Blakeley distributed new Civil City stickers to the Commission and explained their significance.
- Chair Blakeley also provided a report from the latest Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.
- The Commission discussed the ongoing issue of sign violations in the City, and their suggestions for remedying the situation.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE URBAN DESIGNER**

- Staff-level Approvals (**Tab 12**)

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time:                    March 19, 2014 / 4:41 PM



City Hall Room 280-A  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
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## SYNOPSIS

FINE ART COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 20, 2014  
4:00 PM

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

### ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Hiller, Kaye, Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

Absent: none

Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, A. Thau

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

#### 1. COMMISSION MINUTES

The Minutes of February 20, 2014 were approved as amended

- **Regular Meeting recessed for Special Meeting at 4:02P.M.**
- **Regular Meeting continued at 4:12P.M.**

#### 2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz)

- **Information only**

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$ 1,288,208.84  
The City's recent conversion to Munis reflects balance of the Fine Art Fund differently than the previous system. The possibility of creating sub-accounts is being examined.
- B. The Obelisk installation is scheduled to be reviewed by an engineer to ascertain that the mounting system is safe enough to re-install as is.
- C. The latest *Arts of Palm* installation is a piece by artist Michael C. McMillen and it is called *Time Tower*. It has been installed in the palm court between City Hall and Fire Department
- D. An RFP and call to artists has been distributed. A pre-proposal meeting with prospective artists took place earlier this month. The artists will present their proposals for consideration. In May the FOL board and selecting panel will select an artist to create original art for the Children's department of the Beverly Hills Public Library.

- E. The lighting for *Erratic* has been approved by the Commission and the light fixtures are ready. Installation of lighting for this piece will proceed.
- F. The developer owned art piece at 350 S. Beverly is missing. Code enforcement has contacted the attorney for the land owner. They shall be compelled to reinstall it.
- G. Santa Monica Blvd. Blue Ribbon Taskforce. There are different options being considered. Some of the proposed options might have an impact on some pieces of artwork in the City. There will be updates in future sessions.
- H. Update on the issues that Council Commission is considering on restructuring commissions.

- **Other Items**

**CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS**

**3. UPDATE ON PROVIDING DECOMPOSED GRANITE AROUND ARTWORK AND MAINTENANCE ISSUE WITH *SPIRAL OF LIFE***

The Commission approved to move forward and place decomposed granite around *Spiral of Life*, which has suffered a great deal of damage over the years due to prolonged contact with earth and water. That is one of the three works to be protected by a decomposed granite border.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kaye moved to recommend the Commission moves forward. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Kaye, Commissioner Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**4. PROTECTON MEASURES FOR KUSAMA'S *HYMN OF LIFE***

The Commission was given direction by City Council to pursue the post/cord option to protect the Kusama. The staff has identified another metal works company that could provide the proposed fencing in accordance with the risk manager's specifications. Staff presented corresponding bid. The second proposed option would be a continuous floating vertical fence. Staff will get a quote for this type of fencing and an installation cost.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF DEBORAH BUTTERFIELD'S *STORM CASTLE***

Following Risk Management recommendation the Staff presented Burton Way as possible site placement for *Storm Castle*. Before proceeding with purchase and placement consideration, the Commission wants to see the real value of this art piece. Vice Chair Potter and Staff will research comparable price points with other artworks.

**6. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF STEEL GLYPH BY CAROL BOVE INCLUDING LIAISON FEEDBACK AND "ALL IN" COSTS**

At the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council Liaison wanted this project to be brought forward to City Council session on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Following Councilmember Gold's request the Fine Art Commission will present "all in" costs for installing the piece and a sense of what the commission piece will look like and its dimensions.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hiller moved to accept Bove's proposal for Beverly Hills alternative as preferred configuration.

Vice Chair Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** none

**NOES:** Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Kaye, Commissioner Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 0/0

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hiller moved to proceed with the proposed sculpture at Bove's discretion in the approximate footprint of *Prudence*.

Vice Chair Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Kaye, Commissioner Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**7. PRIORITIZATION OF REMAINING MAINTENANCE/RESTORATION FUNDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR**

This year the maintenance/restoration funds will pay for the maintenance of the 17 city owned pieces, restoration of *Celluloid* and the contingency. Staff requests that the Commission decide and prioritize the work done. Staff will go to Council to request more funds.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kaye moved to approve up to \$10,000 additional for maintenance and giving Rosa Lowinger specific instructions to complete what was contracted except for Joan Brown. Commissioner Potter seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Kaye, Commissioner Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**8. PROJECT BASED PRIORITY SETTING EXERCISE**

This item will be discussed in next meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Due to lack of quorum for the upcoming April 17 meeting the Commission decided to reschedule the next Fine Art Commission meeting to April 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff will confirm the Chambers and that cable can accommodate the proposed date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Pressman adjourned the meeting at 6:14 P.M.



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**SYNOPSIS**

**FINE ART COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 20, 2014  
4:15 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Hiller, Kaye, Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

Absent: none

Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, A. Thau

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**1. REVIEW AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMMISSION RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE FINE ART COMMISSION**

Discussion and vote of the Fine Art Commission with regard to the proposed rules of procedure

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Potter moved that the Fine Art Commission accept the rules of procedure for the Fine Art Commission as existing in the draft given to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hiller seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Kaye, Commissioner Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, with the consent of the Commission, Chair Pressman adjourned the meeting at 4:11 P.M.



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City Hall Room 280 - A  
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## SYNOPSIS

### RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bilak, Gersh, Friedman, Rosoff

Commissioners Absent: Anderson

Staff Present: Zoet, Hunt-Coffey, Angel, Meyerowitz, Pfalzgraf, Duerr, Leuning, Knebel

Commissioner Anderson arrived at 2:09 p.m.

#### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

##### Tab 1. Regular Meeting of February 25, 2014

MOVED by Gersh, SECONDED by Friedman to approve as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Bilak, Anderson, Gersh, Friedman, Rosoff

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

#### ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Resident and former Recreation and Parks Commissioner Kathi Rothner addressed the Commissioners about the upcoming Arbor Day Celebration on April 25, 2014. There will be a tree planting at Roxbury Park with the pre-school children and Active Adult Club Members and then an invite-only trolley tour with Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf narrating, "100 Years of Beverly Hills Trees."

#### NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

##### Tab 2. Fine Art Commission and City Council Liaison Recommendation for the Acquisition and Placement of a Steel Glyph by the Artist Carol Bové

Assistant Director of Community Services Nancy Hunt-Coffey discussed the most recent Liaison Meeting with Fine Art Commissioners, Recreation and Parks Commissioners, and

Councilmembers Bosse and Gold. Both councilmembers were supportive of bringing item to full Council for consideration at the Study Session on April 1, 2014. Also in attendance, Commissioners Kaye and Potter commented on the renderings presented of the sculpture, its scale, the artist and the cost.

**Tab 3. Discussion Regarding Proposed Protective Measures for Kusama’s Hymn of Life**

Fine Art Commissioners and Assistant Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey presented a rendering of potential fencing protection for the Kusama. The fencing style is currently installed at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Also discussed previously was a post & cable option. Commissioners have met with representatives from the fence companies and requested quotes for different options. Moving forward, select Fine Art and Recreation and Park Commissioners have formed a sub-committee to meet and resolve the issue separate from the respective monthly Commission Meetings.

**Tab 4. Consideration for the Purchase and Placement of Outdoor Fitness Equipment in Roxbury Park**

Chair Rosoff asked that this item be included in the Agenda. He explained the popularity of the La Cienega Fitness Equipment warranted a discussion about installation of the same at Roxbury Park. Staff presented photographs of potential locations for the outdoor fitness equipment. The preferred two sites are closest to the Community Center. Staff will research each site and determine which would be most desirable.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Kathi Rothner commented on the sculpture “Conversation.” She is in favor of the sculpture remaining in its current location in Roxbury Park.

**Tab 5. Possible Relocation of the Public Art Piece Conversation by the Artist Alex McCrae Within Roxbury Park**

The Commission discussed the possible relocation of the sculpture. Examples of alternate placement were presented by Staff. A consensus was not met on the re-location choices.

**Tab 6. Consideration for the Creation of a Proposed Designated Bike Path in Roxbury Park Adjacent to the Existing Pedestrian Path**

Commissioner Bilak suggested incorporating a shared bike/pedestrian path at Roxbury Park. Staff relayed the Risk Manager’s concerns about the number of injuries that occur in communities with these shared paths. The balance of the Commission was in agreement that this item not move forward.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Kathi Rothner commented that the suggestion of a shared bike path has been presented previously and the park would not be able to handle the shared use.

**Tab 7. Discussion Regarding Wilshire/Whittier Gateway Landscaping**

Commissioner Bilak read a letter from Jackie Kassorla, Chair of the El Rodeo Gardening Committee, who is concerned with the appearance of the ornamental grass adjacent to the Gateway Signage at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard/Whittier Drive. Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf discussed the various plantings in the area and is amenable to changing out the foliage at a later date.

**Tab 8. Discussion Regarding Teen Programming at the New Roxbury Community Center and Elsewhere**

Recreation Services Manager Teri Angel along with Recreation Coordinator Jennifer Leuning and Recreation Supervisor Tim Duerr presented a PowerPoint outlining the past and current teen activities and their ideas for the future of teen programming at Roxbury Park.

**Tab 9. Discussion Regarding the City's Current Scholarship and Financial Aid Services**

Staff presented information to the Commission regarding the Scholarship Program that will be re-examined at an upcoming City Council Meeting.

**Tab 10. Capital Improvement Projects Update**

The following items were included in the report from Community Services Director Steve Zoet: Gateway Signage Projects, Greystone Public Restrooms, Roxbury Park Update, and Beverly Gardens Restoration.

**Tab 11. Director's Report**

Community Services Director Steve Zoet and Staff updated the Commission on the following items: Community Services Department Showcase at the Farmers' Market, Parks and Urban Forest Update to Health & Safety Commission, Arbor Day Celebration, Off-Leash Dog Area, Event Calendar and Meeting Dates.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**Tab 12. Ad Hoc Chairperson Reports**

- a. City Council Liaison/Mayor's Cabinet (Rosoff/Friedman) – Mayor's Cabinet Meeting notes were included in the packet.
- b. Beverly Canon Gardens (Friedman/Gersh) – Commissioner Bilak shared information with the Commission about the September 2014, "Share the Bounty" Dinner.
- c. Farmers' Market (Anderson/Bilak) – Updated in TAB #11.
- d. Fine Arts (Anderson/Gersh) – Commissioner Gersh reported that the Fine Art Commission is considering a purchase of a sculpture by Deborah Butterfield, *Storm Castle*.
- e. Gateway Signage Project (Rosoff/Anderson) – Discussed in TAB #7 & TAB #10.

- f. Community Charitable Foundation (Anderson/Bilak) – No discussion.
- g. Greystone Park (Anderson/Gersh) – Staff mentioned the potential recruitment of a Venue Coordinator for Greystone Mansion. Noting the current use of the property, Commissioner Friedman mentioned she read about a “celebrity” wedding that took place at Greystone.
- h. Master Plan for La Cienega and Roxbury Parks (Rosoff/Friedman) – No discussion.
- i. Seniors/Volunteers (Friedman/Gersh) – No discussion.
- j. Special Events/Concert Series (Rosoff/Gersh) – No discussion.
- k. Sports (Friedman/Bilak) – No discussion.
- l. Street Tree Master Plan (Rosoff/Friedman) – No discussion.
- m. Teens (Gersh/Bilak) – Discussed in TAB #7.
- n. Beverly Gardens Restoration (Rosoff/Anderson) – Discussed in TAB #10.
- o. Off-Leash Dog Area (Friedman/Bilak) – Discussed in TAB #11.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS  
MARCH 27, 2014  
1:30 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: March 27, 2014 / 1:32 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Shooshani, Block, Corman, Vice Chair Fisher, Chair  
Rosenstein.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jonathan Lait, Michele McGrath, William Crouch, Ryan Gohlich,  
Shena Rojemann, Timothea Tway, Karen Myron, David Snow.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as amended, moving  
item #4, Hydraulic Fracturing Ban, to the end of the agenda (5-0).

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting on March 13, 2014.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Block, Second by Commissioner Corman to  
approve the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

**BUS TOUR**

*The Commission departed for a bus tour of the property at 1801 Angelo Drive at 1:34 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened in Meeting Room 280-A at 2:44 pm.*

**PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS/PLANNING AGENCY PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**2. 1801 Angelo Drive**

**Hillside R-1 Permit and Variance**

Request for a Hillside R-1 Permit to allow the total floor area on the project site to exceed 15,000 square feet and a Variance to allow a new two-story accessory structure exceeding 14' in height to be located within a required side yard setback. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission may also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

Planner: Shena Rojemann, Associate Planner  
Applicant: David Geffen  
Project Agents: Jason Somers, Ken Goldman, Kang Chang.  
Public Input: Stuart Newmark, Yong Lee, Nicholas Waite, Noah Furie.

The public hearing on this item remained open.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Fisher, Second by Commissioner Shooshani to direct staff to prepare a resolution for adoption at the April 10, 2014 Planning Commission regular meeting (3-2, Block, Corman no).  
**Action: The Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution conditionally approving the project, and that such resolution be brought back for adoption at the April 10, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.**

*The Commission took a recess at 3:43 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:58 pm.*

**3. 9265-9269 Burton Way**

**23-Unit Condominium Project**

Request for a Tentative Tract Map, Development Plan Review, Density Bonus Permit, and R-4 Permit to allow the construction of a 5-story, 23-unit condominium building on the property located at 9265-9269 Burton Way. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Planning Commission will also consider certification of a Final Environmental Impact Report for the project.

Planner: Ryan Gohlich, Senior Planner  
Applicant: Empire at Burton Way LLC (Craig Berbarian)  
Public Input: None.

*The Commission took a recess at 4:56 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 5:19 pm.*  
The public hearing on this item was closed.

**Motion:** Motion by Commissioner Shooshani, Second by Commissioner Block to direct staff to prepare a resolution for adoption at the April 10, 2014 Planning Commission regular meeting (5-0).

**Action:** **The Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution conditionally approving the project, and that such resolution be brought back for adoption at the April 10, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.**

*The Commission took a recess at 5:38 pm.*

*The Commission reconvened at 5:46 pm.*

*(Taken out of order)*

#### **STUDY SESSION**

##### **5. Amendments to the Central Area Single-Family development standards to address concerns related to building scale and mass and parking requirements.**

Review Planning Commission Task Force recommendations and provide direction to staff on proceeding with an ordinance.

**Planner:** Michele McGrath, Principal Planner

**Public Input:** Hamid Gabbay

**Action:** **The Commission provided feedback to staff, and directed staff to continue work on refining code amendments intended to address building scale, mass, and parking requirements.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Single Family Residence Bulk and Mass Standards Task Force
- Zoning Code Reorganization Task Force
- Planning Commission / Cultural Heritage Commission Joint Subcommittee
- Rooftop Lunchroom Subcommittee

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER**

None.

**6. Active Case List**

**Action:** Received and filed.

**7. 2014 Meeting Schedule Calendar**

**Action:** Received and filed.

*(Return to order)*

**4. Hydraulic Fracturing Ban**

A resolution recommending to the City Council an ordinance amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to prohibit hydraulic fracturing, acidizing or any other well stimulation treatment in conjunction with production of oil, gas or other hydrocarbon stimulation treatment in conjunction with production of oil, gas or other hydrocarbon substances. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

*Citing a potential conflict as a result of receiving royalties, Commissioner Block recused himself from item #4, leaving the meeting at 7:27 pm.*

Planner: Timothea Tway, Assistant Planner

Public Input: None.

Motion: Motion by Chair Rosenstein, Second by Commissioner Corman to approve the resolution as presented (3-1-1, Fisher no, Block recused).

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Date / Time: March 27, 2014 / 7:34 pm



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## SYNOPSIS

### FINE ART COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING April 10, 2014 4:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Hiller, Kaye, Chalom, Vice Chair Potter, Chair Pressman

Absent: none

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

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

1. **COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Minutes of March 20, 2014, Special Meeting, and March 20, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as amended

- **Special Meeting recessed at 4:08 P.M.**
- **Special Meeting reconvened at 4:24 P.M.**

2. The Commission adjourned to look at the cement bases in front of City Hall, installed to support the Arts of Palm project. The Arts of Palm organizers suggested that the concrete pads might be of use to the Fine Art Commission and would save money from the Arts of Palm budget if they didn't need to be removed, as mandated in the contract between the City and the organizers.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Potter moved to return the responsibility of the cement pads on the lawn in front of City Hall fully to the Arts of Palm Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kaye.

**AYES:** Commissioners Hiller, Chalom, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

3. **REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Brad Meyerowitz)**

- **Information only**

A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$ 1,359,853.55

The City's recent conversion to Munis reflects balance of the Fine Art Fund differently than the previous system. Bringing in the balances to alignment with one another is being examined.

- B. The Obelisk has been examined by an engineer; his assessment has been submitted. The work that needs to be done will incur additional costs, from both the construction team and restoration team. An updated budget will be presented to the Commission at the next Fine Art Commission meeting for approval.
- C. The latest *Arts of Palm* artwork has been installed in Beverly Canon Gardens; a Mike Stilkie work will be installed in the Library on Friday, April 12. Sunday, April 27 there will be several celebrations for the project; noon at the Library, 2pm at the Municipal Gallery for all the Artists of the project, and at 4pm on Rodeo Drive, with a Ferris wheel, cake, fun and games.
- D. The Commission continues to be interested in examining the possibility of Deborah Butterfield's iconic work as a potential acquisition for the City owned art Collection. More details to follow.
- E. The Carol Bove potential acquisition was in the pipeline to present to City Council on April 1, but the Council meeting ran long; it will be in the #2 position on the Study Session for April 22.

- **Other Items**

***CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS***

**4. PROTECTION MEASURES FOR KUSAMA'S HYMN OF LIFE**

A sub-committee comprised of the Fine Art Commissioners Chalom and Kaye and Recreation and Parks Commissioners Gersh and Anderson is working on narrowing down appropriate and effective vendors to bid on the long-term solution to protecting this valuable piece of artwork. A report was made as to the progress to date. Two companies have been identified; formal bids are being developed.

**5. PROJECT BASED PRIORITY EXERCISE**

With the volume of projects being accomplished by the Fine Art Commission, staff requested guidance as to the priority of effort toward the existing list of projects. More detailed examination of the list will be brought to the next Fine Art Commission meeting, but on the surface, the Commission feels the Kusama protection, approval of the Fine Art Ordinance, and the alignment of the Fine Art Fund balances from the two reporting systems are the most important. Staff requested that the lighting of Erratic be added to that list, to which the Commissioners agreed.

**6. POSSIBLE SITES FOR RELOCATION OF "CONVERSATION" BY ALEX MCCRAE**

Chair Pressman and Commissioner Kaye met with staff at the new Roxbury Community Center to determine the most advantageous spot for the relocation of the sculptural piece by Alex McCrae. Photos were presented of the two choices.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Potter moved to accept fellow Commissioners recommendation of relocating the sculpture to location #2, just outside the Community Center lobby under the large tree. Commissioner Hiller seconded the motion.

**AYES:** Commissioner Kaye, Commissioner Chalom, Chair Pressman

**NOES:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**CARRIED:** 5/0

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.**