

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

November 20, 2014
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
City Hall, 280-A
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Latta, Anderson, Kyriazi

Tab 1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF October 16, 2014:

MOTION by Berman, SECONDED by Popovich Levyn to approve as presented (5/0)

AYES: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:

CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Katerina Karagiannides, Vice President from First Bank in Beverly Hills, and resident Ilona Sherman spoke about concerns of financial scams targeted at community members, especially senior citizens.

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Tab 2. COMMISSION REPORTS:

HRC REPRESENTATIVES

Howard Goldstein, from the Beverly Hills Unified School District (BHUSD), was not present.

Lieutenant Lincoln Hoshino, from the Beverly Hills Police Department (BHPD), provided an update:

- The definition of a "hate crime" was explained.
- Local theft.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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

- Introduction of new Community Service's staff member: Stephanie Harris; Management Analyst.
- CPRS Award application was submitted to recognize Chair Ginsburg as a Community Champion for her leadership to create the One Book One City program.
- The Ad Hoc Commission Structure Review Committee update.
- Panhandling update.
- Lunch and Learn Healthy Events update.
- California Department of Public Health news release regarding risk-based quarantine order to provide consistent guidelines for countries.
- Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 2013 Hate Crime Report.
- 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count being held January 28, 2015 at 8pm.
- General Municipal Election taking place on March 3, 2014.

CHAIR REPORT:

The October report had not been finalized at this time.

Tab 3. CENTER FOR CIVIC MEDIATION:

Julie Ware, Community Mediation Program Coordinator for the Center For Civic Mediation, provided information on how the center can help resolve a dispute in a setting of mutual cooperation and respect.

Tab 4. 2014 EMBRACE CIVILITY AWARD:

The Commission reviewed and rated the nominees that were submitted. A first and second place was selected.

MOTION by Popovich Levyn, SECONDED by Blumenfeld to adopt this selection for the Civility Award: #5, Neighborhood, will be the honoree and #1, Camera, will be second selection. (5/0)

AYES: Berman, Friedman, Popovich Levyn, Blumenfeld, Ginsburg
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN:
CARRIED

The award will be given at the December 9th City Council Meeting at 7pm.

Tab 5. COMMISSION STRUCTURE UPDATE:

Human Services Administrator Latta postponed detailed discussion until the December meeting.

Tab 6. HUMAN RELATIONS WORK PLAN REVIEW:

The projects and programs that the Commission has been involved with or a new program/suggestion, were reviewed and prioritized.

Tab 7. OLDER ADULT HEALTH AND SAFETY COLLABORATIVE:

Human Services Specialist, Elizabeth Anderson, provided an updated on the successful Older Adult Healthy and Safety meeting held at Greystone on November 5, 2014.

Tab 8. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT AND PENDING AGENDA ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The current and pending agenda items were reviewed and discussed:

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

- Commission requested staff to contact the school board to request representatives be sent if Mr. Goldstein cannot attend.
- Request for panhandling presentation on a future agenda.
- Request for more city-wide information in monthly BHPD report, possibly from a patrol officer, as opposed to only focusing on hate crime reports.
- 2015 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count update.
- Protection of seniors and scamming.
- Broader and greater action with panhandling and educating our business owners.
- Senior Collaboration.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Chair Ginsburg thanked staff for their excellent reports at today's meeting and wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

CALENDAR FOR 2014 COMMISSION MEETING DATES

ADJOURN

Chair Ginsburg adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.



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

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vice Chair Potter

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

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

The Minutes of October 16, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved as amended.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

none

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF (Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Patty Acuna, and Lois Foraker)

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at \$ 2,449,266.00.
- B. The purchase of *IO* by Carol Bove has been finalized with the processing of the contract and the delivery of the first payment, which in turn triggers the beginning of fabrication. According to the contract, they have 6 months from receipt of first payment to complete the artwork.
- C. Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2014 are in the packet.
- D. Presentation of Joan Brown's Center Obelisk project will be discussed in detail in the Special Meeting to convene at 5:30 pm today.
- E. Staff presented the details of City budgetary process as to why it was necessary to present an appropriation request to City Council to secure funds to expand the scope of Rosa Lowinger's team to perform unforeseen maintenance on pieces in the City collection.

- F. The proposed Fine Art Ordinance will be discussed in detail during the Special FAC meeting to convene at 5:30 pm following the Regular meeting.
- G. This list of Fine Art Commission priorities set forth by the Commission in October is included in the packet as reminder.
- H. The Commission restructuring has not been formally adopted by Council, though some of the changes have come into focus and will be implemented, such as Commissioner Chalom's term as Commissioner will end in December of 2014 and Michael Smooke's term will commence in January of 2015.
- I. Staff presented photos taken by Commissioner Kaye showing deposits of loose decomposed granite around all of the installations recently created as borders to protect the artwork from contact with water.

- **Other Items**

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING FENCING AROUND THE KUSAMA

An overview of the design options from John Lavezzo to protect the Kusama sculpture was presented. The consensus favored the arms that cantilever out through which multiple levels of cable would be installed preventing access. The artist will do a mock up of the system and present it on site at a later date to finalize further details.

4. ARTISTS OF INTEREST FROM THE PRIORITY EXERCISE

Staff presented photos approximating the size of William Kentridge's *World on Its Hind Legs* to show how the piece might fit on the Burton Way median on the same section as *Sisyphus*.

5. PROPOSED WOODS DAVEY DONATION

The Carol Wiseman estate has approached the Fine Art Commission to propose the donation of a Woods Davey piece to the City collection.

MOTION: Commissioner Chalom moved that the Woods Davey proposed donation be accepted contingent upon finding an appropriate space for its installation. Commissioner Hiller seconded the motion.

AYES: Commissioner Kay, Chair Pressman

NOES: none

ABSENT: Vice Chair Potter

CARRIED: 4/0

6. MANAGEMENT PROCESS FOR DEVELOPER OWNED ART

Due to lack of time, this issue was tabled and will be brought forth at next month's meeting.

7. REQUEST TO PURCHASE ART PIECE(S) FROM ARTS OF PALM PROJECT

Kate Stearn and Alissa Roston approached the Fine Art Commission about helping to purchase one or more of the art pieces that have been installed around City Hall campus as part of the Arts of Palm Centennial Celebration. The Commission declined to participate, citing the commitments the Fine Art Commission have in the pipeline to proposed as well as pieces that have been define as works of interest for the future. There are also the on-going costs of maintaining the City's collection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.



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FINE ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
November 20, 2014
5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Hiller, Kaye, Chair Pressman

Absent: Commissioners Chalom , Vice Chair Potter,

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION OF THE FINE ART ORDINANCE

The City Council wanted the minimum amount to trigger the Fine Art Ordinance to remain at \$500,000 rather than drop to \$250,000, as suggested by the Fine Art Commission. One Councilmember also wanted to remove the word 'decorative' from the Ordinance, and to remove the requirement of a 5 year period of time to elapse before the Council can propose the deaccessioning of a piece from the collection. They chose to keep the wording as is, and to deny the right to deaccession a piece without the 5 year waiting period. Commissioner Kaye suggested that the obligation be divided between 1% for \$00.00 and \$500,000 then 1.5% for any budget over \$1 million, allowing that more expensive budgets would pay only 1% for everything up to \$1 million. That would eliminate the seeming penalty associated with a more expensive project.

2. PLACEMENT OF CAROL BROWN'S CENTER OBELISK

The City Council rejected the alternate location of the obelisk proposed by the Commission. One of the Councilmembers suggested it be placed next to the Police Dept. sign on Santa Monica at Rexford, or the Burton Way median, among others. The Commission proposed several other locations as well, and will explore the more favored options further.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.