



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280 - A
455 North Rexford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

SYNOPSIS

**FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2015
4:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Pressman
Commissioners Absent: Potter
Staff Present: Hunt-Coffey, Meyerowitz, Knebel

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Tab 1. Regular Meeting of April 16, 2015

MOVED by Kaye, SECONDED by Pressman, to approve as presented. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Pressman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Potter
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

- A. Fine Art Fund is reported at 2,925,000.
- B. Mayor's Cabinet meeting notes were provided to Commissioners.
- C. Update on appraisal of City's art collection – Each contractor needs to meet City insurance requirements; Insurance for one contractor is being determined and when received work will commence.

D. FAC priorities item – no discussion

E. There was no further update on *Hunter and Hounds* Veterans Memorial information with regard to the content of the plaques to be installed. More information will be disseminated once available.

Additional Comments:

- 2 *Rodeo* Fine Art Obligation. Staff reported there is additional research necessary to determine whether Fine Art Obligation requirements have been met at the location.
- Paintings at 440 N. Rodeo. Commissioner Hiller inquired as to the status of this artwork which has been damaged and is in storage. Staff will follow up with the representatives of this property to determine next steps.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Tab 3. Update on the Woods Davy piece and invitation to studio

Chair Pressman, Staff and the Mr. Davy met for a site visit at Coldwater Canyon Park. The piece is currently at his studio being full restored. He extended an invitation for the Commission to visit. In addition, he offered the opportunity for students to come for a tour at a separate time.

Tab 4. Update on lo by Carol Bove

Recreation Services Manager Brad Meyerowitz met the lighting specialist at the fabricators studio to discuss next steps. Photographs of the sculpture in progress were presented to the Commission.

Tab 5. Discussion regarding fencing around and restoration of the Kusama

Assistant Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey reviewed the past progress of the fencing project around the Kusama. Borders and plantings did not protect the piece from people interacting with it. Different options have been proposed to City Council. It is requested that the commission review the current design including ariel view of the fencing, and consider a minor restoration.

MOVED by Hiller, SECONDED by Pressman, to release the fence design for three bids as proposed in the packet. (3/1)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Pressman
NOES: Kaye
ABSENT: Potter
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

Further discussion about the restoration took place.

Tab 6. Next steps with placement of Joan Brown's *Obelisk*

The original recommendation, endorsed by City Council, to place the Joan Brown *Obelisk* in the planter outside the Beverly Hills Public Library, will be completed by late summer/early fall 2015.

Tab 7. Changes to Richard Serra placement and pad

Staff reported on the changes requested by the artist and gallery to install the Richard Serra sculptures.

MOVED by Pressman, SECONDED by Smooke to install the Richard Serra sculpture per the revised orientation and landscape specification of the artist and Gagosian Gallery. (4/0)

AYES: Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Pressman
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: Potter
ABSTAIN: NONE
CARRIED

Tab 8. Next steps with the William Kentridge *World on its Legs*

Meeting took place with Chair, Vice Chair, Staff and Councilmember Krasne to bring her up to date on the art that is being considered. Item is scheduled to be presented at City Council Study Session on June 16, 2015. Budget is being formulated prior to meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS/STAFF

- Staff invited the Commission to attend the unveiling of the new murals art work at the Children's Library on June 7, 2015 at 12:15 p.m.
- Chair Pressman commented about the recent BH Art Show.
- Community Service Director Steve Zoet discussed the possible conversions of the Burton Way and Sunset Boulevard Medians from turf to drought tolerant plants and landscaping due to recent water restrictions.
- Commissioner Smooke shared an article from the New York Times about public art, a catalog from an auction he attended, and a workshop in Pasadena that he will be part of a panel.
- Commissioner Hiller reported on the ground surface at the Tadao Ando seen by Chair Pressman in Japan. It was suggested that Commission continue the discussion at a future meeting.

COMMITTEES

- Arts -4-All/BHUSD Subcommittee (Pressman)
- Developers Brochure Subcommittee (Pressman, Kaye)
- Public Art Maintenance Subcommittee (Potter, Kaye)

- Public Art Ordinance Revisions Subcommittee (Pressman)
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Pressman, Potter)
- Developer Owned Art (Pressman, Hiller)
- iphone app/web site update Subcommittee (Potter, Hiller)

Chair Pressman stated that the committees would be discussed at a future meeting when the new Chairperson and new Commissioner are seated.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.



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**TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
JUNE 4, 2015
9:00 AM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 4, 2015 / 9:03 AM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Levine, Seidel, Licht, Vice Chair Manaster, Chair Friedman

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Aaron Kunz, Martha Eros, Karen Myron, Mark Cuneo, Bijan Vaziri

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: Herbert Reston, Mark Elliot

1. Police Department Report

Sergeant Dowling provided an update on the Police Department Report, as well as recent task force and selective enforcement activities, red light camera procedures, and anticipated street closures due to construction activity and dignitary visitors.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Consideration of the May 4, 2015 Traffic & Parking Commission special meeting minutes.

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

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

3. North Santa Monica Boulevard Construction Mitigation

Consultants Chuck Heffernen and Sam Morissey presented additional mitigation measures related to the Santa Monica Boulevard reconstruction project.

4. Parking Inventory

Consultant Brett Wood presented a summary and explanation of the parking inventory tool.

5. Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report

Senior Transportation Engineer Bijan Vaziri provided an update on the Traffic Engineering Quarterly Report.

6. Overview of Valet Operations

With the concurrence of the Commission, Chair Friedman requested that passenger loading zone locations be added to this report, to be brought back for discussion at a future meeting.

7. Status Report

- a. Tour Bus Activity
- b. Bicycle Sharing
- c. Olympic/Beverly/Beverwil Intersection
- d. Correspondence

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETING

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS (ORAL)

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: June 4, 2015 / 12:09 PM



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**DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
JUNE 4, 2015
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 4, 2015 / 1:31 PM

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Sharifi, Hubschman (*arrived 1:35 pm*), Nathan (*arrived 1:33 pm*), Vice Chair Pepp, Chair Wyka

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Georgana Millican, Cindy Gordon, Karen Myron

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None.

(Taken out of Order)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the Design Review Commission Regular Meeting of May 7, 2015.

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the minutes as presented (3-0-2, Hubschman, Nathan absent).

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

(Return to Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Chair Wyka, Second by Vice Chair Pepp to approve the agenda as presented (4-0-1, Hubschman absent).

Action: The agenda was approved as presented.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. **705 NORTH CAMDEN DRIVE (PL1500923)**

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. The Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. *This project will be continued to the Design Review Commission regular meeting on July 2, 2015.*

3. 211 SOUTH LE DOUX DRIVE (PL1502482)

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. *(This project will be continued to the Design Review Commission regular meeting on July 2, 2015.)*

4. 205 NORTH MAPLE DRIVE (PL1505792)

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. *(This project will be continued to the Design Review Commission regular meeting on July 2, 2015.)*

NEW BUSINESS

5. 711 HILLCREST ROAD (PL1507304)

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: Georgana Millican, Associate Planner
Applicant: Hamid Gabbay – Gabbay Architects
Public Input: None

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Nathan, Second by Vice Chair Pepp to return the project to the July 2, 2015 meeting (5-0).

Action: **The project was returned for restudy to the July 2, 2015 meeting.**

DISCUSSION

- No additional items of discussion were heard.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting
 - Vice Chair Pepp provided a report from the Mayor’s Cabinet Meeting.

- Chair Wyka extended thanks and best wishes to Commissioner Hubschman, whose term on the Commission is ending.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

- City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided an update on the vacant Urban Designer position, as well as progress on the proposed changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2015-2016

Motion: Motion by Chair Wyka, Second by Commissioner Nathan to elect Vice Chair Pepp as new Chair (5-0).

Action: **Vice Chair Pepp was elected new Chair.**

Motion: Motion by Vice Chair Pepp, Second by Commissioner Sharifi to elect Commissioner Nathan as new Vice Chair (5-0).

Action: **Commissioner Nathan was elected new Vice Chair.**

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: June 4, 2015 / 2:24 PM



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SYNOPSIS

FINE ART COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
June 9, 2015
11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: none

Staff: N. Hunt-Coffey, B. Meyerowitz, P. Acuna, Ilene Knebel, Aida Thau

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE "ALL IN" COSTS OF *WORLD ON ITS HIND LEGS* BY WILLIAM KENTRIDGE

Assistant Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey discussed costs for the proposed Kentridge installation. Costs are a rough estimate with many variables. This item is scheduled for City Council Study Session review on June 16, 2015.

Commission commented that the contingency amount could be lowered to \$15,000. The Commission recommended that only one studio rep should come to supervise the installation, consequently the studio rep amount should be lowered to \$8,500. The Commission agreed on revising the "all in" cost not to exceed \$556,000.

The commission confirmed that the recommended placement of the art piece does not conflict with SoCal Edison Right of Way.

Commissioner Kaye recommended that the Commission should have a discussion regarding Art and the General Plan/vision of the City. This was not an agenda item. The Commission Chair suggested to discuss this item at a later meeting.

2. REQUEST FOR FORMAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINE ART COMMISSION ON *WORLD ON ITS HIND LEGS* BY WILLIAM KENTRIDGE

Vote of the Fine Art Commission to request a formal recommendation on *World On Its Hind Legs* by William Kentridge.

Motion: Vice Chair Potter moved that the Fine Art Commission proceeds with acquiring the Kentridge at a not to exceed cost of \$556,000 and to be placed on Burton Way as recommended. Exact location is East of Sisyphus. Commissioner Smooke seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioner Smooke, Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Kaye, 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 11:20 a.m.