



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

SYNOPSIS

FINE ART COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2015

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER ZALE RICHARD RUBINS

City Clerk Byron Pope swore in new Fine Art Commissioner Rubins.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Hunt-Coffey, Zoet, Meyerowitz, Acuna, Knebel,

1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of May 21, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Kaye, to accept the minutes as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

Special Meeting of June 9, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Kaye, to accept the minutes as presented. (5/0)

AYES: Rubins, Smooke, Hiller, Kaye, Potter

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

CARRIED

Regular Meeting of June 18, 2015

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Kaye, to accept the minutes as presented. (5/0)

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

ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

NEW BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

- A. Procedural updates and changes were reviewed.
 - a) Pledge of Allegiance to begin in August 2015.
 - b) Change to minutes recognized;
Staff commented on the move to 'action minutes.' The goal is to be consistent with other city commissions.
 - c) Personal information on commissioner business cards will be standardized; only Staff Liaison information to be printed.
 - d) Review of Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. Fine Art Fund reported at \$2,821,966.
- C. Mayor's cabinet meeting notes were provided to the Commissioners.
- D. Update on appraisal of City's art collection;
Photos have been taken and documents are being gathered.
- E. FAC priorities were not discussed.
- F. Update on developer owned art; upcoming meetings and checks received were reviewed.

G. Update on Richard Serra *Twins*; Progress is being made on the installation.

H. Update on fencing around the Kusama; Plans were received by Project Administration but due to concerns on some specifics of the design, they were sent back for modification by the designer.

I. Reminder of special meeting on 7/18/15; Commissioners will meet at City Hall. Transportation will be provided to the site.

J. Update on the Woods Davy piece; Agreement was received with a hopeful late summer installation.

K. Update on *lo* by Carol Bove; sculpture is completed and approved by the artist. Installation and reception will be planned for mid-September.

L. Update on William Kentridge *World on Its Hind Legs*; Item will be discussed at July 21 City Council Meeting.

M. FAC calendar Staff discussed plans for the Priority Setting Meeting for the possible September Meeting. August and October Meetings remain as scheduled.

N. Protective measures for art pieces and current maintenance –Staff and Commission discussed next steps for the landscaping and sealant application on the decomposed granite.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Webpage for priority exercise--request for feedback

Staff recommended and Commission agreed to appoint an Ad Hoc to further explore the options and procedure for collecting the information for the priority setting year-round.

4. Next steps with restoration of the Kusama

Commissioner Hiller reported on the meeting with staff and the representative from the Getty Conservation Research Institute about the restoration of the Kusama. Two restoration bids were discussed and it was recommended that the art piece should be restored on-site.

MOVED by Hiller, SECONDED by Smooke that the bid from Rosa Lowinger to restore the Kusama Hymn of Life art work on site be accepted. (5/0)

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

5. Orientation and next steps with Joan Brown's Center Obelisk

MOVED by Hiller, SECONDED by Potter to place the Joan Brown Center Obelisk so that the hummingbird faces Rexford Drive. (5/0)

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

6. Ad hoc committee assignments

See below item for proposed changes. Chair will advise staff of final decisions prior to the August Commission Meeting.

7. 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Report

The 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code was given to Commissioners for review and comments or changes.

MOVED by Potter, SECONDED by Hiller that the 2015 Biennial Conflict of Interest Code be approved as presented. (5/0)

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Arts -4-All/BHUSD Subcommittee – *to be removed*
- Developers Brochure Subcommittee (Kaye) - *add Rubins*
- Public Art Maintenance Subcommittee (Potter, Kaye)

- Public Art Ordinance Revisions Subcommittee – *per Commission project is completed – to be removed*
- Recreation and Parks Commission Liaisons (Potter, Kaye)
- Developer Owned Art (Hiller, Smooke)
- iphone app/web site update Subcommittee (Hiller, Potter) – *to be removed*
- Website Committee – submissions for priority exercise (Kaye, Hiller) - *new*

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners' brief responses to public comments, questions for clarification, brief announcements, request for information, and brief reports on activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
JULY 23, 2015
1:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: July 23, 2015 / 1:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Gordon, Fisher, Corman (*arrived 1:32*), Vice Chair Shooshani, Chair Block

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Gohlich, Michele McGrath, Timothea Tway. Andre Sahakian, Karen Myron, David Snow, Ken Pfalzgraf

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Motion by Order of the Chair to approve the agenda as presented (4-0-1, Corman absent).

Action: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes from the Planning Commission Regular Meeting of July 9, 2015.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Fisher, Second by Commissioner Gordon to approve the minutes as presented (3-0-2, Shooshani, Block abstain).

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

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

2. 8955 West Olympic Boulevard

Conditional Use Permit

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a vehicle sales and service use (O’Gara Coach Company) to be established in a C-3T-2 zone; to allow renovations to an existing building that would result in an increase in height; and to allow a reduction in the required number of parking spaces. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for this project.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioner Fisher disclosed a conversation with Murray Fischer, an email exchange initiated by Andrea Grossman, and a text message from Jake Manaster; Chair Block disclosed a conversation with Murray Fischer as well as the receipt of emails from Andrea Grossman and Linda Roberts; Commissioner Gordon disclosed responding to an email initiated by Andrea Grossman and a conversation with an unnamed resident of Almont Drive. The Commissioners affirmed that no decisions had been made as a result of their ex parte communications.

Vice Chair Shooshani left the meeting at 1:58 pm.

Planner: Andre Sahakian, Associate Planner
Applicant: Murray D. Fischer
Public Input: Jake Manaster, AJ Wilmer, Michael Goldberg

Commissioner Fisher left the meeting at 2:39pm.

The Commission took a recess at 2:59 pm.

The Commission reconvened at 3:22 pm.

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Commissioner Gordon to adopt the resolution as amended (3-0-2, Fisher, Shooshani absent).

Action: The resolution was adopted as amended.

3. Synthetic Turf in Residential Front Yards

Adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council an ordinance amending the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to allow synthetic turf in residential front yards. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act, the Commission will also consider adoption of a Categorical Exemption for the amendment.

Ex Parte Communications: Commissioners Gordon, Corman, and Chair Block disclosed speaking with former Beverly Hills Mayor Charles Aronberg, MD.

Planner: Timothea Tway, Associate Planner
Applicant: City of Beverly Hills
Public Input: Jake Manaster, Tom Gallop, Peggy Simons

Motion: Motion by Commissioner Corman, Second by Commissioner Gordon to continue the item to the August 13, 2015 Planning Commission meeting (3-0-2, Fisher, Shooshani absent).

Action: The item was continued to the August 13, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY PLANNER

City Planner Ryan Gohlich provided updates on City Council's recent actions regarding the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Disaster Recovery Ordinance, and the upcoming appeal regarding the Planning Commission's denial of the project at 310 N. Crescent Drive.

4. Upcoming Projects List

Action: Received and filed.

5. Building Permit Activity Report – 6/1/15 thru 6/30/15

Action: Received and filed.

6. 2015 Conflict of Interest Review

Action: With consensus of the Commission, Chair Block signed and approved the 2015 Conflict of Interest Review, including Exhibits A and B.

7. 2015 Meeting Schedule

Action: Received and filed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date / Time: July 23, 2015 /5:18 pm