



**FINE ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

SYNOPSIS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007
4:00 p.m.
City Hall
Conference Room 180-B

ROLL CALL

All present except Commissioner Leonard and Commissioner Freidman.

1. COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes of October 18, 2007 approved.

REPORT BY CHAIR

Chair Gersh welcomed two guests, Jay Newman, from the Montage Hotel and Erin Coburn, Manager of Collections Information at the J. Paul Getty Museum, and changed the order on the Agenda. Chair Gersh reported on some of the highlights of the Mayor's Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

2. REPORT BY FINE ART COMMISSION STAFF LIAISON

Recreation Services Manager Meyerowitz updated the Commission on the Kusama; the Paul Amir Loan; the Fine Art Fund; and the Deadline is December 10, 2007 for materials to be included in the December 20, 2007 Commission packet.

CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

3. Montage Hotel

Jay Newman, Chief Operating Officer of The Athens Group, developers of Montage Beverly Hills, provided an overview of the conceptual plans for fine art placement at the hotel.

4. Public Art Cell Phone Audio Tour

Erin Coburn, Manager, Collections Information at the J. Paul Getty Museum, provided information on the implementation of the Getty's Cell Phone Audio Tour that can be used for the City's Public Art.

5. Dan Graham Commission Proposal

Vice Chair Kanter provided an update on the proposed commission of artwork by New York Artist Dan Graham, which was previously discussed at the October Commission meeting.

6. Damian Ortega Proposal

Commissioner Shepard provided information on proposed acquisition from sculptor Damian Ortega.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commission Smooke commented that she went to see the show at the Phantom Galleries LA and met three of the artists. Vice Chair Kanter will arrange to have ACME Gallery make a presentation on artist Jennifer Steinkamp to the Commission.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- Public Art Maintenance and Preservation Subcommittee (Gersh, Kanter, Leonard) None
- Barricade Art/BHUSD Subcommittee (Kanter) None
- Expanded Role of Commission (Gersh, Shepard) None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT at 5:59 p.m.



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
City Council Chambers
Commission Meeting Room A**

**November 29, 2007
3:00 p.m.
SYNOPSIS**

OPEN MEETING

ROLL CALL AT 3:05 PM

Commissioners Present: L. Bosse, N. Cole, S. Marks, Vice Chair Reims, and Chair Furie.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: V. Bertoni, R. Balderas, L. Sakurai, D. Jerex, D. Reyes, G. Millican, R. Naziri, L. Yegazu, P. Noonan, and J. Stevens (Department of Community Development); D. Snow (City Attorney's Office).

BUS TOUR at 3:06 PM

Assemble at the 450 North Crescent Drive entrance to City Hall. *(The bus tour will include projects listed on the agenda.)* The Planning Commission will visit: 1293 Monte Cielo Drive and 309-325 South Elm Drive.

The meeting reconvened at 4:30 pm

The Chair stated that the Commission had taken a bus tour of the projects on the agenda to see the layout and conditions at the project sites and gather information but that no discussion was held nor any conclusions made.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Principal Planner Balderas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE
None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION
None.

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

1. **DRC Design Style Catalogue Change**
Proposed Resolution amending the Residential Design Style Catalogue.

Marks – Bosse /5

The Commission requested that a resolution be drafted recommending the City Council adopt a resolution approving the amended Residential Design Style Catalog for consideration at their meeting on December 19, 2007.

The following were heard beginning at 7:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

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

2. **1293 Monte Cielo Drive**
Request for Variance and Hillside R-1 Permit

Application for a Hillside R-1 Permit to:

- 1) Allow a wall within the front yard to exceed 3-feet in height,
- 2) An application for a Variance Permit to:
Construct retaining walls in excess of 7-feet in height, and exceeding the building height by encroaching into the building envelope, in conjunction with a proposed new, two-story over basement single family residence located at 1293 Monte Cielo Drive.

Cole – Bosse /5

The amended Resolution approving the Hillside R-1 Permit to allow a retaining wall within the front yard to exceed 3-feet in height, allowing retaining walls in excess of 7-feet in height, and denying without prejudice the variance request to allow the proposed building to project outside the building envelope was adopted.

3. **309-325 South Elm Drive**
R-4 Permit, Tentative Tract Map, and a Variance for a 26-Unit Condominium Development

A request for Development Plan Review Permit and Tentative Tract Map No. 69145 for a three story, 33 foot high, 26-unit condominium development with a Variance from the Municipal Code for a building width greater than 175 feet and an R-4 Permit for additional front yard paving for a property located at 309-325 South Elm Drive (PL 0745544).

This item was continued to the meeting of December 19, 2007, by order of the Chair. The public hearing remains OPEN.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
None.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:23 PM.