



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Arts and Culture Commission

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, June 14, 2019
2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: June 14, 2019 / 2:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Fine Art Chair Zale Richard Rubins, Fine Art Vice Chair Stephanie Vahn, Cultural Heritage Commissioner Jill Tavelman Collins, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director Community Services Pam Shinault, Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar, Recreation Supervisor Adrine Ovasapyan, Senior Recreation Supervisor Victoria Cusumano, Executive Assistant Aida Thau
Public in attendance: Scot Robert Ritchie, Sonja Sharp

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2) REQUEST TO LOAN YAYOI KUSAMA HYMN OF LIFE: TULIPS TO NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN FOR SPRING 2020 EXHIBIT

The Liaisons discussed and considered the request by Ota Studio to loan the fiberglass *Hymn of Life* sculpture to the New York Botanical Gardens for a solo exhibition of work by artist Yayoi Kusama from May 1 to November 1, 2020. This loan proposal had been approved by the Arts and Culture Commission pending that the following conditions are met: 1. Full and complete approval of the re-creation of the sculpture in metal by the studio prior to the release of the fiberglass sculpture for loan. 2. Verification of destruction at the end of the loan. 3. Removal of cost of de-installation portion from Art Bronze estimate since the studio should cover this cost as part of loan expenses. 4. Secure insurance for the current value of the sculpture during de-installation and loan process. The Liaisons gave direction to minimize the time that the Kusama site is empty between de-installation of fiberglass piece and installation of bronze piece. The Liaisons also requested that a plaque recognizing the City of Beverly Hills for this loan, while the Kusama fiberglass piece is displayed at the New York Botanical Gardens.

3) RINGO STARR ART DONATION AND LOCATION

At the City Council meeting on May 7, 2019, the City Council accepted the donation of *Love and Peace* sculpture by Ringo Starr. At this meeting City Council asked to propose a different location for this installation, preferably along Santa Monica Blvd. The representatives of Mr. Ringo Starr and the Liaisons selected the landscaped section to the east of the flags in front of City Hall on Santa Monica Blvd. as the desired location for installation of this sculpture. The proposed location will be presented to City Council for consideration at the June 18, 2019 meeting. Additionally, Mr. Starr's representatives

expressed the artist's interest to have a concert by Ring Starr and his band at the unveiling ceremony of this sculpture in October 2019. The Liaisons agreed to close Crescent Dr. for this concert event and expressed desire to live stream the event.

Mayor Mirisch asked staff to present the Request for Co-Sponsorship from Del Sole Foundation for Classic Music Festival item that would be discussed later that day at the Beverly Hills City Council Liaison/ Rodeo Drive/Special Events/ Holiday Committee meeting. Mayor Mirisch indicated to the Arts and Culture representatives that this is a cultural event, and that if it is accepted, they would like to have this classic music festival take place in annual basis, and moving forward this event would be part of the Arts and Culture Commission programing.

Councilmember Bosse requested a brief update on the Ai Weiwei sculpture timeline for installation.

4) CLARIFICATION OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO ARTS AND CULTURE INITIATIVES

The Liaisons discussed the role of the Arts and Culture steering committee. The Liaisons noted that now that the Arts and Culture has been established the 2 representatives of the Recreation and Parks Commission, the 2 representatives of the Cultural Heritage Commission, and the 2 City Council Liaisons would be part of the arts and culture stakeholder group. This group will meet in regular basis along with the rest of the other organizations in the city of Beverly Hills that promote arts and culture. This stakeholder group will generate ideas and procure contacts to be presented to the Arts and Culture Commission for consideration and approval. The Liaisons requested that the kick of meeting for the stakeholder group take place in August if availability by these organizations allows.

5) ADJOURNMENT

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