



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
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4th Floor Conference Room A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Fine Art Commission Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, May 30, 2017
4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: May 30, 2017 / 4:04 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Bosse, Councilmember Mirisch, Fine Art Commission Chair Alan Kaye, Fine Art Commission Vice Chair Michael Smooke, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Community Services Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Community Services Assistant Director Pam Shinault, Community Services Administrator Gisele Grable, Assistant City Attorney Deborah Hackman, Senior Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna, Management Analyst Stephanie Harris, Executive Assistant I Aida Thau

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None.

2) PUBLIC ART ARCHIVE LICENSING AGREEMENT

City staff and City Council Liaisons reviewed the request from the Fine Art Commission to upload information about the City's fine art collection into the Public Art Archive. City Attorney's Office has reviewed the agreement and because there are some legal requirements involved, staff asked the Liaison for direction on bringing this request to the full City Council. The Liaison reviewed the information and requested that staff brings back this item pending additional information and further review.

3) BOVE RESTORATION / AGREEMENT APPROACH

City staff reported that the recently acquired sculpture from artist Carol Bove that is installed in Beverly Gardens Park shows substantial scratches caused by people interaction with the piece. Staff has been in communication with the gallery trying to resolve current and future maintenance issues of the piece. The Liaison reviewed the proposed solutions by all parties, and directed staff to contact the fabricator to request that they provide a different type of finishing for this sculpture, one that would sustain better the interaction with the public.

4) KUSAMA ISSUES

City staff and City Council Liaisons discussed the concerns regarding the Kusama on – going issues. The Fine Art Commission sought advice to art professionals and the recommendation was to refabricate the piece. Staff asked for direction on next steps for the proposed Kusama re-fabrication. The City Council Liaison recommended that staff contacts the studio and fabricator in Japan. They would prefer to pursue re-fabrication by the original artist with their preferred fabricators, than re-fabrication by local fabricator since the artist fabricators would ensure authenticity and optimum standards. City Council

asked staff to bring back this item once they have all details in regards to cost and terms to re-fabricate the Kusama piece in Japan.

5) UPDATE ON WILLIAM KENTRIDGE AND TOM FRIEDMAN PIECES

City staff reported that the William Kentridge sculpture has been installed and the dedication for this art piece is scheduled for June 20th.

City Staff also reported that the Friedman sculpture is still in negotiations. The Gallery sent second revisions to the agreement. We are closer than we were after the first revision but there are still issues to discuss with City Attorney's Office.

There was also a brief discussion in regards to future art acquisitions.

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