



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Arts and Culture Commission**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021  
4:00 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: August 25, 2021 / 4:00 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice Mayor Lili Bosse, Councilmember John Mirisch, Arts and Culture Chair Deborah Frank, Arts and Culture Commissioner Stephanie Vahn, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Community Services Jenny Rogers, Assistant Director of Community Services Patty Acuna, Community Services Manager Stephanie Harris, Interim Recreation Services Manager Paul Paolone, Arts and Culture Program Associate Aida Thau, Management Assistant Linda Kyriazi, Administrative Clerk Jessica Barragan  
Public in attendance: Art Consultants Karen Constine and Jessica Cusick

**1) PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

- No public comment

**2) INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON ARTS & CULTURE INITIATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT OF CITYWIDE ARTS AND CULTURE PLAN**

Art consultants Karen Constine and Jessica Cusick provided an informational update on the Arts & Culture Initiative as a review of Phases I and II completed achievements. Karen and Jessica presented Phase III, the development of citywide Arts and Culture Plan. The elements of the strategic plan include: mission statement for arts and culture, defined programs, areas of responsibility, and funding sources. The proposed action items to develop the plan include forming a working group of 5 to 6 people including 2 Arts & Culture Commissioners and other key stakeholders. The target timeline is 6 to 8 months to complete the draft. When completed, the Arts & Culture Commission and the City Council would review and consider approval of the final Plan. The Council Liaisons proposed a larger working group to be more inclusive of community input and shortening the target timeline. Staff asks that the focus of Phase III be establishing policy and programming to ensure arts and culture in Beverly Hills is sustainable for years to come. The Plan's structure will provide a process for funding of staff and resources to execute future initiatives. The Council Liaisons recommended expanding the Arts and Culture Commission by two commissioners and agendaizing the item for City Council discussion. The City Council will be considering Rachfest 2022, a proposed international classical music festival next spring, on the September 14, 2021 City Council Study Session. The item will bypass the September Arts and Culture Commission meeting due to preceding City Council meeting date.

**3) NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN'S OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT DESIGN – JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT SPECIAL EDITION LICENSED MURAL DESIGN**  
Tabled.

**4) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION**  
Arts and Culture Commission Chair Frank requested that Frieze 2022 be added to a future agenda. Councilmember Mirisch requested connecting with sister city Herzliya for potential cultural activities in addition to Greystone Theater programming.

**5) ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: August 25, 2021 / 5:11 PM