



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

Monday, November 19, 2018
5:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: November 19, 2018 / 5:06 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Community Services Director Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director Community Services Pam Shinault, Recreation Manager Kristin Buhagiar, Senior Recreation Supervisor Patty Acuna, Fine Art Vice Chair Stephanie Vahn, Fine Art Commissioner Carolyn Hiller, Executive Assistant Aida Thau
Public in attendance: Deborah Frank

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Speakers: None

2) CURRENT FINE ART COMMISSION PRIORITIES REVIEWED

Staff briefly reviewed the current fine art commission priorities. The Liaison presented the desire for the Fine Art Commission to pursue acquisition of a fountain sculpture by artist Carl Milles. The Fine Art Commission will review and consider the proposed fountain proposal in their upcoming December meeting.

3) POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF ART WORK, *ROOTS*, FROM ARTIST AI WEI WEI

The Fine Art Commission presented the proposed art work approved for acquisition by the Fine Art Commission at their October 2018 meeting. The proposed sculpture is called *Iron Root* by artist Ai Wei Wei. This piece is presented to the City directly by the artist. This proposed acquisition comes supported by a generous donation of \$200,000 towards the total purchase cost of \$900,000 in lieu of a plaque in memory of the donor's father, who was a resident of Beverly Hills. The Liaison directed Staff and the Commission to work on the language of the donation plaque to ensure that it reflects that the donation is a partial contribution to the sculpture purchase. The Liaison approved the acquisition of this piece of art and suggested to consider the City Hall site where the Richard Serra sculpture is currently installed on loaned to the City, as possible site for permanent installation for the Ai Wei Wei sculpture.

4) OFFER OF ART DONATION FROM ALEXANDRA NECHITA (N SELECT FROM 4 PIECES)

The Fine Art Commission presented the proposed donation of a sculpture by artist Alexandra Nechita. This artist has presented 4 different pieces of art as possible donation to the City. The proposed artwork has already been accepted by the Commission. The

Liaisons approved to pursue the acceptance of the artwork by this artist and suggested Burton Way as a possible location for installation.

5) OFFER OF ART DONATION, *IRON DOORWAY*, FROM ARTIST JENE HIGHSTEIN AND DISPLAYED ON CITY HALL LAWN NEAR ELEVATORS

The Fine Art Commission presented the proposed donation of a sculpture by artist Jene Highstein. The art piece called *Iron Doorway* has already been accepted by the Commission with recommendation to install it on the grass area of City Hall campus west of the parking elevator. The Liaison approved the acceptance of this sculpture and proposed location for installation. The Liaison also recommended to align the arch of the sculpture with the arches of the Palm Court for aesthetic purposes.

6) CONSIDER RE-PRIORITIZING FINE ART COMMISSION PRIORITIES

The Liaisons agreed that all these donations and acquisition proposals are great opportunities for the City's art collection and they recommended to install all proposed sculptures in a sequential manner instead of simultaneously to facilitate staff work. The Liaison stressed the importance to ensure that none of these opportunities are lost.

7) ADJOURNMENT

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