



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280B

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Arts and Culture Commission

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
2:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: December 18, 2019 / 2:09 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Arts and Culture Chair Stephanie Vahn, Arts and Culture Vice Chair Carolyn Hiller, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director Community Services Pam Shinault, Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar, Recreation Services Manager Patty Acuña, Senior Management Analyst Stephanie Harris, Senior Recreation Supervisor Paul Paolone, Recreation Supervisor Adrine Ovasapyan, Venue Coordinator Sara Scrimshaw, Executive Assistant Aida Thau, Administrative Clerk Jessica Barragan
Public in attendance: Rosanne Sachson, Peri Ellen Berne, Robert Bibeault

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2) AI WEIWEI UPDATES

Staff requested the Liaisons review the language on the art plaque. An edit to reference the Fine Art Fund will be included and the plaque wording is approved.

3) ARTS AND CULTURE EXPANSION INITIATIVE WORK PLAN UPDATE

Assistant Director of Community Services Pam Shinault updated the Liaisons on the progress made on the Arts and Culture Commission's Work Plan and the Arts and Culture Expansion Initiative. The Commission began a "Listening Tour" in which stakeholders present on their organization and the programs they offer to the community. Consultants Karen Constine and Jessica Cusick are compiling a report based on the kickoff meeting and information shared during the presentations to help guide the Commission on what programs the City currently offers, any gaps identified and partnership opportunities suggested. The Arts and Culture website and calendar was launched on December 9th. Community groups have begun adding their programs to the calendar and outreach continues to promote the new resource. A survey was created and remains open for stakeholders and residents to give input on arts and culture preferences. The survey will be promoted on social media to reach a larger audience. The newly established Ad Hoc Committees will start in January. An Arts Walk Brochure is one of the projects for the new Marketing and Education Ad Hoc Committee. The creation of a public art process will also be addressed as part of the expansion initiative; the work of an Ad Hoc Committee and with the help of our consultants, will do research, identify best practices, and develop and recommend new policies and procedures for managing a public art program.

4) GREYSTONE THEATER PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AND EVENTS PLAN

The Greystone Theater Opening will occur in February 2020. The theater has a standard capacity of 70, but for film showings, the capacity decreases to approximately 35. The Liaisons and Staff agree that the theater can be used for concerts, recitals, lectures, film screenings, plays, and other community events. The new facility will include free programming for residents and the public to enjoy. The Arts and Culture Commission will participate in selecting programs. A budget proposal including additional dedicated theater staff will be brought forward to City Council for review.

5) ADJOURNMENT

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