



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

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Arts and Culture Commission

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, August 22, 2019
1:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: August 22, 2019 / 1:05 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Mirisch, Councilmember Lili Bosse, Fine Art Chair Stephanie Vahn, Fine Art Vice Chair Carolyn Hiller, Cultural Heritage Commissioner Jill Tavelman Collins, Cultural Heritage Commissioner Kimberly Reiss, Recreation and Parks Chair Alissa Roston, Recreation and Parks Commissioner Judie Fenton, City Manager George Chavez, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Assistant City Attorney Deborah Hackman, Director of Emergency Management Pamela Mottice, Urban Designer Mark Odell, Engineering Manager Robert Welch, Management Analyst Teresa Revis, Web Coordinator Naomi Hartono, Director Public Works Shana Epstein, City Architect Mandana Motahari, Interim Director Community Services Raymond Taylor, Assistant Director Community Services Pam Shinault, Recreation Services Manager Kristin Buhagiar, Recreation Supervisor Adrine Ovasapyan, Publicist Dana Beesen, Executive Assistant Linda Kyriazi, Administrative Clerk Jessica Barragan
Public in attendance: LeBasee Consultutant Beau Bass, LeBasse Consultant Owen Schmit, Victoria Talbot, Barbara Lazaroff, David Mirharooni, Kory Klem, Robbie Anderson, Amie Sherry, David Gingold

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Anderson, Beverly Hills resident, thanked City Council for working to move Ringo Starr art piece to Beverly Gardens Park location. He also inquired who is negotiating with Ai Weiwei.

2) RINGO STARR ART DONATION AND LOCATION

At the City Council meeting on August 6, 2019, The City Council agreed to find an alternative location for *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. Staff recommended to install artwork at Beverly Gardens Park between N Beverly Drive and N Cañon Drive. Additionally, a planting screen is recommended to prevent the public from photographing from backside. Representatives of Mr. Ringo Starr and the Liaisons agreed with the recommendation as the desired location for installation of this sculpture. The proposed location will be presented to City Council for consideration at the September 10, 2019 meeting.

3) METRO ART PROPOSALS

Art Consultant Beau Bass, from LeBasse Projects, presented four design concepts by selected artist Tomokazu Matsuyama for review. LeBasse Projects sought feedback from the Liaisons, the Commission, and Stakeholders in attendance with a goal of gaining consensus on one concept. Following deliberate review, the Liaisons narrowed down to two design concepts: *Utopia Accordion* and *Thousand Regards / Shape of Color*. With the selection of two design concepts, LeBasse Projects will relay direction for slight changes to Mr. Matsuyama. The two selections will be presented to City Council at the September 10, 2019 meeting for review.

4) AI WEIWEI AGREEMENT

Staff and City Attorney's office presented current Ai Weiwei draft agreement issues with the Liaisons. The last draft agreement between the City and United Talent Agency Artist Space presented a few discussion points including: copyright issues, waiver of moral rights, right to display/location of artwork, transfer of rights of reproduction, City's ownership rights, warranty of the work, prohibition against assignment. The Liaisons are referring to the Bove agreement for direction with Ai Wei Wei agreement. Negotiations continue. An agreement has not been reached at this time.

5) COMPARABLE SALES FOR CARL MILLES SCULPTURES

Informational only. Sales of Carl Milles sculptures.

6) ARTS AND CULTURE WEBSITE AND CALENDAR

Staff presented various website and calendar layouts to the Liaisons to seek direction. The Arts and Culture Commission has already voted on color palette, layout, logo and content at the August 13th meeting. The Liaisons agreed with the Commission's recommendation including a teal with gold color palette, revolving images on main page, stacked logo, and a red border to highlight the calendar.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 22, 2019 / 2:45 PM