

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2019
200 North Spring Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commission President Richard Barron called the regular meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Pilar Buelna and Diane Kanner and Barry Milofsky in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate representing the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; and Bianca Gonzalez, Office Trainee.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:
 - Travel to San Antonio, Texas, along with Aaron Gross, Mayor Garcetti’s Chief Resilience Officer, to participate in a two-day “peer exchange” on “Climate Heritage”, bringing together the historic preservation officers and chief resilience or sustainability officers from the cities of New York, Boston, San Antonio and Los Angeles. It was a very productive opportunity to discuss how big cities can adapt to a changing climate and address the growing threats to our cultural heritage from sea level rise in coastal areas, increased wildfires, and other climate challenges. We also focused on the role our historic buildings can play in climate mitigation, reducing carbon emissions and there were excellent lessons learned from the other cities including a Resilient Building Design Guide in Boston, a proposed building materials salvage ordinance in San Antonio, and New York City’s “carbon challenge” program getting commitments from property owners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We’ll be following up with the Mayor’s Office on initiatives here in Los Angeles and I’ll keep the Commission updated on our efforts.
 - For City Council actions, the Council has returned from its July recess and this week approved HCM nominations for two properties, the Comedy Union on Pico and the Green Dog and Cat Hospital on Slauson. In addition, the Council yesterday approved initiation of the nomination for Bothwell Ranch, located in Tarzana, near the border of Woodland Hills, a 12-acre property that appears to be the last remaining commercial orchard in the San Fernando Valley.

- The Election of Officers:

Commissioner Kennard made the motion to re-elect Commissioner Barron as Commission President. Commissioner Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kanner

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron made the motion to re-elect Commissioner Kennard as Commission Vice President. Commissioner Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barron
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Kanner, Kennard, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Old Business

- There was no Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no additions to the calendar.
- Commissioner Kanner announced that Chris Nichols would be speaking on his new book on Disneyland.
- Approval of the Minutes – There were no minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Three speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

627 SOUTH LORRAINE BOULEVARD, CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE

CHC-2019-1320-MAEX

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 4 – Ryu
Continued from 08-01-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 627 South Lorraine Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Audrey Sato and Audrey Von Ahrens, GPA Consulting; Vanessa Withers, Historic Preservation Partners representing Joseph Davidson, Owner

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to decline an exemption from the limitation of eligibility for a Mills Act Historical Property Contract. Adopt the staff report findings.

Commissioner Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Buelna, Kanner
Nays: Barron

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 11:17 a.m. He reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

ITEM NO. 5

MONUMENT: CHARLOTTE AND ROBERT DISNEY HOUSE, HCM #1132

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4406 West Kingswell Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Lesak, Page & Turnbull, Architect representing Trilium Enterprises, LLC, Owner

Commission review and comment on the proposed rehabilitation of the Monument. No action was taken.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: DODD PLAYA DEL REY RESIDENCE

CHC-2019-3111-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-3112-CE

Plan Area: Westchester-Playa del Rey

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Last Day to Act: 09-03-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8207 South Delgany Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Thomas L. McMahon, Applicant/Owner

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to:

1. Determine that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Determine that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kanner
Seconded: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Kennard
Nays: Milofsky

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: FRED C. THOMSON BUILDING

CHC-2019-3115-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-3116-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Last Day to Act: 09-03-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6528 – 6540 West Sunset Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles J. Fisher, Preparer; Anne Marie; Matthew Sullivan, Owners

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to:

1. Determine that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Determine that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as amended by the Commission.

Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 12:25 p.m. He reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Barron made a motion to reopen item seven, case number CHC-2019-3115-HCM. Commissioner Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barron
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron re-opened the public comment period and called for speakers. There were no speakers so he closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to:

1. Determine that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Determine that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and

4. Adopt the staff report findings as amended by the Commission.

Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MORRIS ABRAMS CHATEAU DES ROSES

CHC-2019-3118-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-3119-CE
Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin
Last Day to Act: 09-03-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 515-519 East Rose Avenue; 254 South Rennie Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steven Luftman and Charles J. Fisher, Preparers; Gail J. Cooper, Owner

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to:

1. Determine that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Determine that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Buelna, Milofsky
Nays: Barron

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD ART CENTER SCHOOL

CHC-2019-4608-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-4609-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu
Last Day to Act: 09-04-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2025-2027 North Highland Avenue; 2000-2026 North Glencoe Way

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Curran, Board Member, Hollywood Heritage, Preparer; Elizabeth Lovins, Owner

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of the Hollywood Art Center School under consideration; and adopt the findings of the staff report.

Commissioner Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kanner, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recused himself from Item No. 10. He stated that he owned property near the Project site then left the room. Commission Vice President Kennard chaired the meeting with Commissioners Buelna, Kanner and Milofsky in attendance.

ITEM NO. 10

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MONDAY WOMEN’S CLUB

CHC-2019-4355-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-4356-CE
Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin
Last Day to Act: 08-22-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1209 South 6th Avenue; 566 East San Juan Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Kaplan, David Ewing, Preparers; Naomi Nightingale, Celia Williams, Applicant

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Monday Women’s Club under consideration; and adopt the findings of the staff report.

Commissioner Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kanner
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Kennard, Milofsky
Recused: Barron

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Kennard recessed the meeting at 2:23 p.m. Commission President Barron reconvened the meeting at 2:27 p.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

ITEM NO. 11

PROPOSED MONUMENT: UNION BANK SQUARE

CHC-2019-4334-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2019-4335-CE
Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 – Huizar
Last Day to Act: 8-21-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 445-459 South Figueroa Street; 929 West 4th Street;
930 West 4th Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Marcello Vavala, Preservation Associate, Los Angeles Conservancy, Applicant; Heather Goers, Historic Resources Group, Preparer

Commissioner Buelna moved to take the proposed designation of Union Bank Square under consideration; and adopt the findings of the staff report.

Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Buelna
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Barron, Kanner, Milofsky

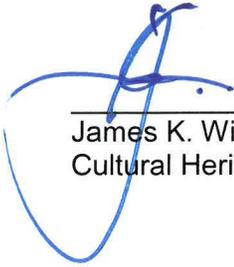
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
Cultural Heritage Commission

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