

**Cultural Heritage Commission**  
**Official Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 5, 2019**  
200 North Spring Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commission President Richard Barron called the regular meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Pilar Buelna, 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; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant and Diego Vazquez, Commission Office Staff.

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**ITEM NO. 1**

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- The City has now recorded all of our 2019 Mills Act contracts. The workshop for the 2020 Mills Act Program is scheduled for January 8, 2020 at Barnsdall Park in Hollywood.
- City Council approved a motion introduced by Councilmember Herb Wesson to initiate an Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) application for the property located at 1054 S. Orange Grove, a 1937 French Norman Revival duplex.
- The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee recommended approval of the HCM nominations for the Kelly Music Building, Hollywood Art Center School, and the Monday Women’s Club Building in Venice.
- Council gave final approval to three new HCMs: the Tokio Florist and Pole Sign, Arthur and Nina Zwebell Residence, and the Willard Bell Residence. They declined the nomination for the Fourth Street Chateau Duplex.
- PLUM recommended the acceptance of a \$36,000 Certified Local Government grant from the State Office of Historic Preservation. The grant will be used to integrate data from our ethnic and cultural context work through SurveyLA into the citywide inventory, HistoricPlacesLA.
- A moment of remembrance for architects Ray Kappe and Dion Neutra, who both passed away recently.

**Old Business**

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork.
- There was no Plaque Artwork presented.

**New Business**

- Advance Calendar – Commissioner Milofsky plans to be absent on January 16, 2020.

- Commission Announcements/Requests - There were no announcements or requests.
- Approval of the Minutes – There were no minutes for consideration.

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**ITEM NO. 2**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

There were no presentations.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Two speakers addressed the Commission.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME, HCM #194**

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

**Property Address:** Hollywood Boulevard (between Gower and La Brea) & Vine Street  
(between Sunset and Yucca)

Informational presentation for the Commission’s review and comment on the proposed streetscape enhancement project.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Claudia Carol, JT Theeuwes, Li Wen, and Jaymes Dunsmore, Gensler; Paul Travis Historic Resources Group; Daniel Halden, Heart of Hollywood Director for Council District 13

There was no action taken.

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Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 10:33 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

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**ITEM NO. 5**

**MONUMENT: NUESTRA SENORA LA REINA DE LOS ANGELES (PLAZA CHURCH), HCM #3**

Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 – Huizar

**Property Address:** 535 North Main Street

Informational presentation for the Commission’s review and comment on the window rehabilitation project.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Maureen Sullivan, Pica and Sullivan Architects

There was no action taken.

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**ITEM NO. 6**

**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: 12-28-2019

**Property Address:** 445-459 South Figueroa Street;  
930 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street;  
929 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Adrian Scott Fine, Los Angeles Conservancy, applicant; Heather Goers, Historic Resources Group, preparer; Robert Chattel, Chattel Inc., owner’s representative

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Union Bank Square in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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 Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 7**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: WEINBERG RESIDENCE**

**[CHC-2019-6722-HCM](#)**

CEQA: ENV-2019-6723-CE  
Plan Area: Bel Air-Beverly Crest

Council District: 5 – Koretz  
Last Day to Act: 01-23-20

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 100-112 North Delfern Drive;  
111 North Baroda Drive;  
10141 West Sunset Boulevard

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jessa Ross, Office of Historic Resources; Philip Rahimzadeh, Core Development Group, owner; Daniel Freedman, Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell, LLP, and Carrie Chasteen, Sapphos Environmental, Inc., owner's representatives

Commissioner Buelna put forth the actions below and moved to decline the inclusion of the Weinberg Residence in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

1. Determine that the property does not conform with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
2. Recommend that the City Council not declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument and;
3. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 2**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 8**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: CHILI BOWL**

**CHC-2019-6975-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-6976-CE

Plan Area: Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Last Day to Act: 12-21-19

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 12244-12248 West Pico Boulevard

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Marcello Vavala, Los Angeles Conservancy

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Chili Bowl under consideration, and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



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Richard Barron, President  
Cultural Heritage Commission



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

**ADOPTED**  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**FEB 06 2020**

**CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
COMMISSION OFFICE**