

**Cultural Heritage Commission**  
**Official Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2023**  
200 North Spring Street, City Hall  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s March 16, 2023 meeting was conducted in person at the Board of Public Works Edward R. Roybal Session Room, Room 350, at Los Angeles City Hall and via telephone and videoconferencing in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard, and Commissioners Richard Barron, Pilar Buelna and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner; Lambert Giessinger, Senior Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Linda Lou, interim Commission Office Manager; and Diego Vazquez and Michael Cheatham, Commission Office Staff.

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**ITEM NO. 1**

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, had several items of interest:

- Since our last meeting, we have begun a hybrid meeting format for our 21 Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Boards that serve our 35 HPOZs or local historic districts across the city. We have been using the same technology – the Owl camera that we are using for these meetings, and we have overall received positive feedback on the continued accessibility of our Board meetings in this new format.
- The Housing Element Rezoning work program, which addresses implementation of the 2021-2029 Housing Element, adopted last year, is launching. The department is launching rezoning initiatives with a series of interactive webinars scheduled for this month. These will explore six core program strategies including incentivizing housing on Opportunity Corridors, updating the Affordable Housing Incentive Programs, creating Affordable Housing opportunities through an Affordable Housing Overlay, facilitating Missing Middle housing, enhancing Process Streamlining, and expanding the Adaptive Reuse program citywide. The department’s Citywide housing policy team is kicking off the Launch and Listening Phase of the work program and seeking public feedback on the development of these six strategies, beginning with three interactive webinars to share more about the initial concepts and strategies for the program. They are scheduled on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.(Spanish), and Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.

- Since the last CHC meeting, the full City Council has approved six new Historic-Cultural Monuments – the Silberberg Building, the Art Deco commercial building on Beverly Boulevard; the Verbin Residence, the Mid-century Modern A-frame residential design in Benedict Canyon; the Hoffman Candy Company in Southeast Los Angeles; the Kun House II, the Mid-century Modern house designed by Richard Neutra; Watts City Hall and Engine Co. No. 65; and Tenochtitlan: the Wall that Talks mural in Highland Park.

## Old Business

- Commission review and approval of the letter to the Recreation and Parks Department regarding the Griffith Park Pony Ride, Contributing element to Historic-Cultural Monument #942.

Commission Vice President Kennard moved that the Cultural Heritage Commission transmit the letter as presented to the Recreation and Parks Department regarding the Griffith Park Pony Ride, Contributing element to Historic-Cultural Monument #942.

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

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

**Vote: 5 – 0**

## MOTION PASSED

## New Business

- There was no new business.
- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – Commission President Milofsky announced there will be a special Cultural Heritage Commission meeting on March 30, 2023, and no meetings in April.

Commissioner Kanner said the Los Angeles City Historical Society newsletter noted that Ken Bernstein will be speaking at the Los Angeles Public Library on April 16, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss his book, *Preserving Los Angeles*. The event is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

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## ITEM NO. 2

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no speakers who addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

One speaker addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**MONUMENT: CHASE KNOLLS GARDEN APARTMENTS, HCM #683**

Plan Area: Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks

Council District: 4 – Raman

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 13401-13459 W. Riverside Drive;  
4802-4852 N. Sunnyslope Avenue;  
13300-13466 W. Huston Street; 4827-4867 N. Fulton Avenue

Informational presentation to update the Commission on the removal of damaged trees.

**PRESENTERS:**

Adam Heard and Peter Green, A Plus Tree, Inc.

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At approximately 11:04 a.m. Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting. Commission President Milofsky reconvened the meeting at approximately 11:11 a.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard and Commissioners Barron, Buelna, and Kanner present.

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**ITEM NO. 5**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: MORRIS KIGHT MCCADDEN PLACE RESIDENCE**

**CHC-2022-3605-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2022-3606-CE

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

Plan Area: Hollywood

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1428-1430 North McCadden Place

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kate Eggert, Preparer; Miki Jackson, AIDS Healthcare Foundation representing the Applicant; Tal Kahana and Paz K Stark, Owners; and Daniel Freedman, Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP, representing the Owners.

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the Morris Kight McCadden Place Residence 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the findings of the staff report as the findings of the Commission.

Commission Vice President Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

  
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Barry A. Milofsky, President  
Cultural Heritage Commission

  
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Linda Lou, Interim Commission Office Manager  
Cultural Heritage Commission

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