

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
SPECIAL MEETING
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, July 30, 2009
200 North Spring Street
Room 1010, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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The meeting was called to order by Commission President Richard Barron at 10:12 a.m.

Commissioners present: Glen Dake, Roella Louie, Oz Scott

Commissioner absent: Mia Lehrer

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were nominated and elected:

President: Commissioner Barron

Moved: Commissioner Dake
Seconded: Commissioner Scott
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Lehrer

Vote: 4-0

Vice President: Commissioner Louie

Moved: Commissioner Scott
Seconded: Commissioner Barron
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Lehrer

Vote: 4-0

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Ken Bernstein, Manager of Office of Historic Resources, reported on the following:

- Commissioner Roella Louie was confirmed by the City Council for herreappointment for an additional 5-year term;
- The City Planning Commission will resume its consideration of amendments to the City's Cultural Heritage Ordinance at its September 10 meeting.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

None

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

- 1) Update on Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board

None

- 2) Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork

None

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

August 6 and September 3, 2009 meetings will be canceled.

Commissioner Scott indicated that he will not be available for the September 17th Meeting.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

4. **SIXTH STREET BRIDGE, NO. 53C1880, HCM 905, EAST 6TH STREET BETWEEN MATEO STREET AND SOUTH BOYLE AVENUE, CD 14, CHC-2007-4658-HCM-CC1, COMMISSION COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**
Motion Required.

Owner: City of Los Angeles

Ken Bernstein introduced the agenda item and its guest speaker from Bureau of Engineering who gave an overview of the project.

A second speaker discussed the details of the program including the seismic safety study findings from material testing; proposed action on the project area; purpose and need of the project, project alternative (no action, retrofit, replacement); concepts for replacement bridge designs, funding resources, estimated cost; and staff analysis summary.

A third speaker expanded on the subject discussed earlier by the previous speakers including an overview of the environmental process including identification of historic properties area; historic properties survey summary and results, register status, significant impacts after mitigation pursuant to CEQA; and public outreach summary.

Questions and answers ensued. Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, responded with an additional staff report providing supplementary information on a replication alternative.

The President opened the public hearing.

A total of nine speakers made various comments on restoration of the original bridge, however, also brought up some issues of concerns regarding safety and traffic.

The President closed the public hearing.

Lengthy deliberation by the Commission ensued. Topic of discussions were safety issues; their desire to keep the original bridge with safety considerations; declare the bridge as historical/cultural monument.

Motion: Adopt the proposed letter with amendments.

Moved: Commissioner Barron

Seconded: Commissioner Louie

Ayes: Commissioners Dake and Scott

Absent: Commissioner Lehrer

Vote: 4-0

5. **LOS ANGELES UNION STATION PASSENGER TERMINAL AND GROUNDS, HCM 101, 800 N. ALAMEDA STREET, CD 14. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED RETAIL KIOSKS AND TENANT IMPROVEMENTS IN WAITING ROOM AND PASSENGER CONCOURSE AREAS.**
Commission Review and Comment.

Lambert Giessinger, Commission Staff Architect, introduced the item.

Steve Buster of Catellus and Bruce Judd of Architectural Resources Group presented the proposed plans.

The Commission made the following comments:

- Where would the historic seating be relocated to in the proposed plan?
- Placing kiosks in front of the windows may be out of scale with the waiting room;
- Utilize outdoor seating related to any new kiosk food uses
- The view of the rows of seat across the room is a character-defining feature of the space.
- Locate some of the proposed kiosk in the courtyard instead of the waiting room;
- The Commission wishes to schedule a site visit

A representative of the Los Angeles Conservancy expressed concern regarding the removal of historic seats from the waiting room and the interruption of sight lines if new kiosk are added to the space.

6. **QUARTERLY UPDATE ON SURVEYLA, THE LOS ANGELES HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY PROJECT**

Presentation was postponed until next regular meeting.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

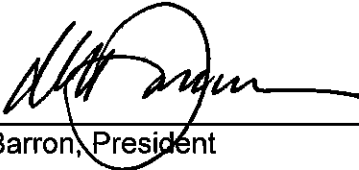
A speaker spoke regarding HPOZ issue.

8. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009**

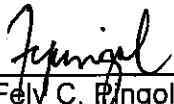
9. **INSPECTION TOUR*/DISCUSSION**

No Tour Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Adopted: 09-17-09