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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 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 10:10 a.m.

Commissioners present: Glen Dake, Mia Lehrer, Roella Louie, Oz Scott

Commissioner absent: None

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Ken Bernstein reported on the following:

- A letter was transmitted to the Mayor's Office, signed by both Presidents of Cultural Heritage and Cultural Affairs Commissions regarding developing additional partnership to support Watts Towers;

As discussed on July 30, 2009 Special Meeting, a comment letter was also transmitted to Bureau of Engineering regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on Sixth Street Bridge

- Proposed Amendments to the Cultural Heritage Ordinance are scheduled to be reheard by City Planning Commission on September 10th; additional supplemental staff report will be provided;
- A motion was introduced to Planning and Land Use Management by Council District No. 5, Councilmember Paul Koretz, to include Century Plaza Hotel in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments. The motion was further amended by Councilmember Koretz to request the Planning staff bring forward an inventory of significant features of the hotel. That motion will not be processed in Council until October. In addition, in the amended motion, property owner was asked to participate in a design charrette.

The Applicant/Property Owner, Council District Office and Planning will further discuss the Applicant/Owner participation on the design charrette. The Office of Historic Resources will also be preparing a motion for the Commission consideration;

- Additional follow-up on the Columbia Savings review and comment on California Register nomination in Council District 4 is tentatively scheduled on September 1st for City Council consideration.
- New City Attorney assigned to Cultural Heritage Commission is Adrienne Khorasane replacing Terry Kaufman-Macias who is now handling another responsibility. Ms. Khorasane will only be attending Cultural Heritage Commission meetings from time to time or when there are some potential legal issues.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Bernstein also reported on the following subjects:

- New Planning Fees as introduced by Planning Director Gail Goldberg were now approved by City Council
- Two new Historic-Cultural Monuments recently approved by City Council were Ashby Apartments and Marshall-Kline Residence.
- Second Church Of Christ Scientist Reading Room And Library was declined by the City Council

2. 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

September 3, 2009 regular meeting will be canceled

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

- 3) Approval of Minutes of July 16, 2009 Special Joint Meeting of Cultural Heritage and Cultural Affairs Commissions Meeting was moved by Commissioner Dake and unanimously approved by all members of the Commission.

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

Janet Hansen, Office of Historic Resources Deputy Manager, reported on the status of SurveyLA which comprised an overview of Initiation Phase 2006-2009, Implementation Phase, its program and lessons learned during the survey, funding status and future plans to be undertaken.

She answered questions of the Commission.

4. PROPOSED GREGORY AIN MAR VISTA TRACT HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE EXPANSION TO INCLUDE THE ROADWAY MEDIAN ALONG PALMS BOULEVARD BETWEEN MEIER STREET AND STEWART AVENUE, CD 11, CPC-2001-4309-HPOZ-M1
Motion Required

Applicant: Gregory Ain Mar Vista Tract HPOZ Board

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the item by giving a brief description of the proposed HPOZ expansion. Ken Bernstein and Lambert Giessinger added more information and clarification of what was before the Commission regarding this case.

Motion: Recommend to the City Planning Commission to expand the Gregory Ain Mar Vista Tract HPOZ boundaries per Los Angeles Administrative Code Section Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 12.20.3; certify the accuracy and completeness of the survey; and adopt the report findings.

Moved: Commissioner Barron
Seconded: Commissioner Lehrer
Ayes: Commissioners Dake, Louie, Scott

Vote: 5-0

5. SEE'S CANDY SHOP AND KITCHEN NO.1, HCM 959, 135-139 N. WESTERN AVENUE, CHC-2009-210-HCM-CC1, CD 4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON ADAPTIVE USE OF BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE NEW RETAIL USES. COMMISSION REVIEW AND COMMENT AND DELEGATION OF PERMIT SIGN-OFF TO STAFF.
Motion Required

Applicant: Chris C. Pak, AIA, Archeon Group

Owner: Paris Plaza Realty, LLC

Lambert Giessinger, Office of Historic Resources Architect, announced that this agenda item is an informational presentation. He also introduced the speaker who made a Power Point presentation of the subject property.

Patricia Carroll, a member of the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council, made the following comments on the proposed project:

1. She is pleased with the adaptive use project.
2. She proposes that the remainder of the project follow the design of the See's building— or, at least pick-up on the spirit of it.
3. There is on-going community outreach to See's Candy to open a store in this location.
4. Requests that the applicant present to the Neighborhood Council.

Flora Chou of the Los Angeles Conservancy made the following comments:

1. She appreciates the owner's efforts to re-use the historic See's Candy building.
2. Requests that the historical rooftop elements are more integrated into the design.
3. Requests the project be presented to the Neighborhood Council.

Doug Mensman of Councilmember Tom LaBonge's Office made the following comments:

1. The Council Office is supportive of the adaptive use and agrees that the project should be presented to the Neighborhood Council.

The Commission made the following comments:

1. The side wall of the front bay of the building shall be more solid and less glass and perhaps be one storefront opening. The brick piers in this area shall be widened.
2. The Commission is supportive of the work of the applicant to adaptively reuse this building.
3. The owner is encouraged to place a Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque on the building.

The Commission voted to delegate the permit sign-off to staff.

Moved: Commissioner Barron

Seconded: Commissioner Scott

Ayes: Commissioners Dake, Lehrer, and Louie

Vote: 5-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker spoke regarding SurveyLA and suggested that the Community be given an opportunity to give input on the draft.

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the regular meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

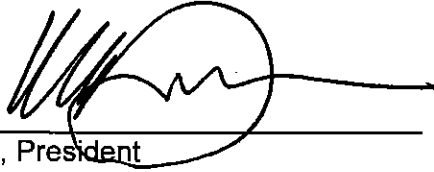
9. INSPECTION TOUR*/DISCUSSION

1. 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 Site Visit and Review and Comment on Revised Design Concept(s).

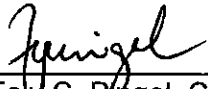
The following issues were raised at the site visit:

1. Identify what happens to the "urban creep" as the use of the kiosks spills into the areas around it with displays, additional retailing, etc.
2. Identify where storage occurs.
3. Use the existing Ticket Concourse for a food court. However, it is outside of the main path of travel and there are security concerns.
4. The historic character and context of the Waiting Room is for seating- not as a food court.
5. The (increased) passenger demand calls for additional services to be added to Union Station (50,000 passengers per day pass through).
6. Maintain the existing portal width on the east elevation of the Waiting Room.
7. Reduce the number of new kiosks in the Waiting Room.
8. The current proposal to alter the Waiting Room cannot be supported.
9. For new retail space S1 - move the north wall to the south a distance of a half column bay width.

10. Provide outdoor seating and activate the south courtyard and perhaps add new retail kiosks to this area.
11. The applicant will return to the Commission on September 17 with revised design options.

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Richard Barron, President

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Fely C. Pingol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 11/05/09