

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 1, 2010
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 10:05 a.m.

Commissioners present: Roella Louie, Oz Scott

Commissioners absent: Glen Dake, Gail Kennard

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

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

- Commission Executive Assistant for Cultural Heritage Commission, Fely Pingol, has returned on a 45-day contractual basis through the end of the fiscal year.
- The last group of ERIP retirees will be leaving on April 9, 2010. Currently there are no additional layoffs proposed for our Department.
- A Department reorganization plan will be unveiled at the beginning of the new fiscal year. It will structure the department around geographic teams and will detail additional staff responsibilities.
- An Order to Comply was issued to the owners of the Monroe Cottage in Garvanza by the Department of Building and Safety. The City Attorney's office has reported that the Lukens House has gone into receivership. This will provide for an outside party to ensure completion of much needed rehabilitation work and debris removal.

- The Office of Historic Resources has received the Los Angeles Conservancy's 2010 Preservation Award for our SurveyLA Public Participation Program, and will be honored at the 29th annual luncheon to be held on May 13, 2010.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

The City Council has given final approval of the Frank C. Hill House, the Margaret and Harry Hay House and the Venice West Café for Monument status.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Old Business

- 1) Update on Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board:
Commissioner Roella Louie contacted Linda Dishman of the Los Angeles Conservancy to encourage the fund board to move forward with the initial grants to several historic LAUSD schools.
- 2) Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork:
Commissioner Scott questioned staff about new plaques for recently designated HCM's. Lambert Giessinger, Historic Preservation Architect, reported that there are two proposed Historic-Cultural Monument plaques ready for review by the Commission
- 3) Mr. Giessinger also reported that T-Mobile's request to place a rooftop wireless facility on the La Marquise Apartments building (HCM #853) was denied.

B. New Business:

- 1) Advanced Calendar:

The Commissioners reviewed the cases that have been placed on the regular meeting calendar for: Thursday, April 15, 2010
Thursday, May 6, 2010
Thursday, May 20, 2010
- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None
- 3) Approval of the March 4, 2010 meeting Minutes was moved by Commission President, Richard Barron.

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

3. **FAIRFAX THEATER, 7901-7909 BEVERLY BLVD., CHC-2010-520-HCM, CD 5**
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant: The Friends of the Fairfax Theater

Owner: B & F Associates

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the agenda item. Brian Curran of the Hollywood Heritage Association made a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed nomination property and gave important information about its historical uses and architectural style. Mitzi Mogul of the L.A. Historic Theatre Foundation provided additional information about the theatre as a neighborhood focal point and cultural center for the Westside Jewish Community.

Cliff Chang, of the West Fairfax Neighbors Association, Hillsman Wright, L.A. Historic Theatre Foundation, Gaetano Jones, L.A. Conservancy volunteer, John Thomas, Art Deco Society and Steven Luftman, all spoke in favor of the nomination.

Mr. Benjamin Fiss, representing the building's owner and the developer's company, objected to the nomination. They feel that the building doesn't meet the criteria for nomination because it has had "too many renovations" and is not economically viable as a theatre, but they will "comply with the Commission's decision".

Motion: Take the property under consideration as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal may warrant further investigation adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 3-0

4. **LENTO BRICK COURT, 1288-1292 W. SUNSET BLVD., CHC-2010-534-HCM, CD 1**
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant: Echo Park Historical Society

Applicant's Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: D and H Management, LLC

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner introduced the agenda item. The Applicant's Representative, Charles J. Fisher, discussed the reasons for designation and gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed property.

Motion: Take the property under consideration as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.10 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal may warrant further investigation; adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 3-0

5. GLESS FARMHOUSE, 131 S. BOYLE AVE., CHC-2010-71-HCM, CD 14

Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant: Diana Ybarra, Boyle Heights Historical Society
Owner: John D. Mendez
Speakers: Brigid Gless Keiller, great granddaughter of Simon F. Gless
Aric Gless, great grandson of Simon F. Gless
Karina Muniz, Los Angeles Conservancy

Diana Ybarra and members of the Gless Family spoke about the historic and continued significance of the Gless Farmhouse to the community of Boyle Heights. Karina Muniz discussed the Los Angeles Conservancy's support for the Gless Farmhouse nomination as an Historic-Cultural Monument.

Motion: Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7; Adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 3-0

6. BARSHA HOUSE, 302 N. MESA RD., CHC-2010-80-HCM, CD 11

Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/Owner: Scott Lander

Applicant's Representative: Vanessa Withers

The Applicant/Owner Scott Lander was present at the meeting. Commission President Barron complemented the pristine restoration of the property.

Motion: Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7;
Adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 3-0

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

8. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010**

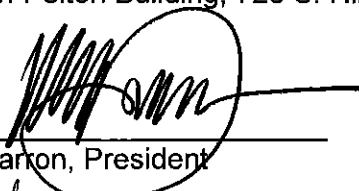
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

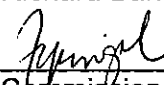
The regular meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. for a lunch break. After lunch, the Commission members toured the following properties:

The Sun Realty Company, 629 S. Hill Street, CD 9

The Spreckels Building, 714 S. Hill Street, CD 14

The Paden-Pelton Building, 728 S. Hill Street, CD 14


Richard Barron, President


Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 4-15-10