

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, October 7, 2010
200 North Spring Street
Room 1010, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

MINUTES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN **ACTION FORMAT**. COMPLETE DETAILS, **INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION**, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE HEARING RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. COPIES OF COMPACT DISC RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE WORLD WIDE WEB AT <http://www.planning.lacity.org>.

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

Commissioners present: Tara J. Hamacher, Roella Louie, Gail Kennard, Oz Scott

Commissioners absent: None

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Ken Bernstein, Manager of Office of Historic Resources, welcomed new Commissioner Tara Jones Hamacher.

Mr. Bernstein also reported the office is currently busy with 17 Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) Plans. The office has been holding public hearings and is in the process of presenting them before the Cultural Heritage Commission on November 18, 2010.

Mr. Bernstein introduced two of his interns and announced that intern Debbie Kelso would be leaving. He commended them for all their time and hard work.

Mr. Bernstein also updated the Commission on the Lukens House. There is currently a new owner who intends to rehabilitate the house.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein also reported that the City Council approved three Historic-Cultural Monuments: Coons House, St. Phillips Evangelist Church, and Parish Hall.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

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

Commissioner Louie introduced LAUSD Liaison who in turn reported that they are now working on fulfilling the requirements of settlement agreement for the four school projects. She stated that her role as LAUSD liaison is to make sure that the terms of the agreement and grant awards are implemented. She also answered questions of the Commission.

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

None

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

Mr. Bernstein announced the October 21, 2010 meeting will be canceled.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

- 3) Election of Officers

Commissioner Oz Scott nominated Commissioner Richard Barron for President.

Moved: Commissioner Scott
Seconded: Commissioner Louie
Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Barron

Vote: 5 - 0

Commissioner Gail Kennard nominated Commissioner Roella Louie for Vice President.

Moved: Commissioner Kennard
Seconded: Commissioner Barron
Ayes: Commissioner Hamacher, Scott, and Louie

Vote: 5 - 0

3. **RESIDENCE FOR D. M. BAKER, CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE – HANCOCK PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE, 400 S. ROSSMORE AVENUE, CHC-2010-1482-MAEX, CD 4.**

Approval of Exemption from Limitation of Eligibility for Historical Property Contract (Mills Act) Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: Jacqueline Alexander
Owner's Representative: Vanessa Withers

Lambert Giessenger, Architect, introduced the agenda item and updated the Commission on the recent status of the proposed application of D. M. Baker, a contributing structure of the Hancock Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone,

Owner's representative made a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed nomination of the property and its historical and architectural background.

No other speakers present.

At this juncture, President Barron announced that the next three cases in the agenda are all Mills Act Exemptions, therefore, Staff Findings are as follows:

1. Granting the exemption will not cause the cumulative loss of property tax Revenue to the City to exceed \$1,000,000 annually;
2. The site, building or structure is a particularly significant Historic-Cultural Monument or Contributing Structure to an Historic Preservation Overlay Zone;
3. Granting the exemption will assist in the preservation of a site, building or structure which would otherwise be in danger of demolition, substantial alteration or relocation.

Some discussions ensued on the subject matter.

There were no other speaker present.

The President closed the public hearing and the Commission deliberated.

Motion: Find that the above property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption, approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit; and adopt the staff findings.

Moved: Commissioner Louie
Seconded: Commissioner Barron
Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Scott

Vote: 5-0

4. **MYRON C. ALBERTSON HOUSE, CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE – WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE, 340 S. PLYMOUTH AVENUE, CHC-2010-1526-MAEX, CD 4.**

Approval of Exemption from Limitation of Eligibility for Historical Property Contract (Mills Act) Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: Paul W. Boettcher and Melanie B. Hanna Boettcher
Owner's Representative: Vanessa Withers

Mr. Giessinger, introduced the agenda item and its speaker

Owner's representative made a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and gave its historical and architectural background.

Motion: Find that the above property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption, approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit; and adopt the staff findings.

Moved: Commissioner Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Scott
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard, Louie, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

5. **SPECULATIVE DWELLING BY DEVELOPER CHISHOLM, FORTINE & MEIKLE, CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE – HANCOCK PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE, 418 SOUTH JUNE STREET, CHC-2010-2441-MAEX, CD 4**

Approval of Exemption from Limitation of Eligibility for Historical Property Contract (Mills Act) Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: Michael Lombardo Living Trust & C.L. Ward, III Living Trust
Owner's Representative: Ann Marie Brooks

Mr. Giessenger, introduced the agenda item and gave a brief overview of the case.

Owner's representative made a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed nomination of the subject property and gave important information about its historical uses and architectural style.

Motion: Find that the above property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption, approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit; and adopt the staff findings.

Moved: Commissioner Scott
Seconded: Commissioner Louie
Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

6. THE VILLAGE GREEN/BALDWIN HILLS VILLAGE, 5300 WEST RODEO ROAD, CHC-2010-1652-MAEX, HCM-174, CD 8

Approval of Exemption from Limitation of Eligibility for Historical Property Contract (Mills Act) Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: The Village Green Owners Association
Owner's Representative: Architectural Resources Group, Inc.

President Barron recused himself from participation in the discussion of the case.

Mr. Giessenger made a brief introduction of the agenda item and its speakers.

Two speakers from Architectural Resources Group, Inc. who are representing the Applicant/Owner, made a PowerPoint presentation on the subject and answered questions of the Commission.

Motion: Find that the above property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption, approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit; and adopt the staff findings.

Moved: Commissioner Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Scott
Recused: Commissioner Barron

Vote: 4-0

The Commission took a short break.

7. ARROYO SECO PARKWAY, PASADENA FREEWAY (STATE ROUTE 110) FROM THE FOUR-LEVEL INTERCHANGE IN LOS ANGELES TO EAST GLENARM STREET IN CITY OF PASADENA, CHC-2010-2698-NR (NATIONAL REGISTER APPLICATION REVIEW) CD 1 AND 14,

Review and Comment.

Applicant/Owner: California Department of Transportation

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, presented the agenda item via PowerPoint. He discussed the proposed National Register Application; the parkway background and its history and current condition. He also stated that the parkway is partly owned by the City of Los Angeles and partly owned by the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS); answered questions of the Commission.

Four other speakers spoke in support of the nomination. Some issues and/or concerns were brought to the attention of the Commission as to pavement, bridges, landscaping, loss of scenic road, upcoming revised plans, etc.

Commission discussion ensued.

Motion: Adopt the Letter of Support with the inclusion of the Commission recommendation.

Moved: Commissioner Louie

Seconded: Commissioner Hamacher

Ayes: Commissioners Kennard, Scott, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

8. **LATINA/O INITIATIVE, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, PRESENTATION BY KARINA MUNIZ, LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Ken Bernstein gave a brief description of the agenda item and introduced its speaker, Ms. Karina Muniz from the Los Angeles Conservancy, working in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Ms. Muniz gave a special presentation on the Latina/Latino Initiative via PowerPoint. She stated that they get their funding from Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and to bring people more aware of the program and their services they do community fares, activities for children, workshops, community economic strategies, etc. She further stated that they hoping to team-up with CRA. She answered questions of the Commission.

President Barron thanked her for the excellent presentation and invited Ms. Muniz to come back sometime in the near future to update the Commission on the latest development of the project/program.

One speaker spoke in support of the program.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

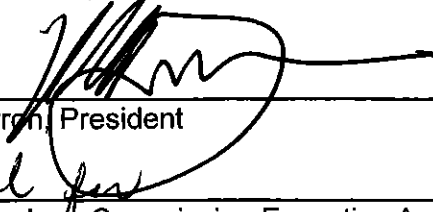
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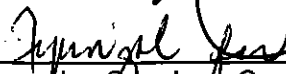
8. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010**

9. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION**

No Tours Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Richard Barron, President

Lourdes Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 6-21-12