

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2011
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 10:14 a.m.

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

Commissioners absent: None

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:

- 1) Ongoing discussion on Department of City Planning Budget including the proposed sale of Department structures to create more revenue; increased in the number of furlough days, proposed additional one million cut on the Department budget, etc.
- 2) Final approval of 16 new HPOZ Preservation Plans
- 3) Finalization of Report for 53 Mills Act contracts to National Register
- 4) SurveyLA Project will receive a National Award on April 11th in Boston by the American Planning Association

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

None

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

Commissioner Scott indicated that he will not be available on February 3, 2011 Meeting.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4 were put on the table until the Applicant's representative became available.

3. ARENSBERG-STENDAHL HOME GALLERY, 7065 W. HILLSIDE AVENUE, CD 4, CHC-2010-2948-HCM

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

Applicant/: Ronald and April Damman, Co Trustees
Owner: R and A Damman Trust and Sarah D. Thomas

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the case and the applicant/owner's representative.

Applicant/Owner's representative made a Powerpoint presentation on the subject property.

There were no other speakers.

The President closed the public hearing and the Commission briefly deliberated.

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

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

Vote: 3-2

4. **T.R. CRAIG RESIDENCE "PEPPERGATE RANCH", 8431 PINELAKE DRIVE, CD 12, CHC-2010-3042-HCM**

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

Applicant/ Owner: Dodd J. Harris and Dr. Elizabeth Harris

Owner's Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar Garcia introduced the case.

Representative of the applicant/owner made a Powerpoint presentation on the property and gave reasons for designation; answered questions of the Commission.

Applicant/owner also testified for the case.

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

Moved: Commissioner Kennard

Seconded: Commissioner Scott

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Louie, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

Agenda Item No. 5 was moved out of order and taken as Item No. 3:

5. **APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF THE PASCUAL MARQUEZ FAMILY CEMETERY (HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT #685) TO INCLUDE ADJACENT LOT 30, 635 N. SAN LORENZO STREET, CD 11, CHC-2010-2919-HCM**

Motion Required

Applicant: Monica Marquez

Owner: Fred J. Marcus

Ken Bernstein introduced the case and its applicant. He recommended to the Commission to encourage the property owner and the Applicant to work together in ensuring continued access to the Marquez Family Cemetery. He also stated that Staff recommendation is to not declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7.

Applicant testified for the case.

Counsel for the applicant testified for the subject property. He stated that his client wants to retain the adjacent subject lot to be incorporated into the Historic-Cultural Monument designation. He also suggested that the easiest way to transfer that northern portion of the subject site is to have a lot line adjustment or transfer the lot to a non-profit organization.

Owner's representative testified against the proposal.

Eleven additional speakers and the Council District representative spoke in support of the expansion.

The President closed the public hearing.

The Commission deliberated. At this juncture, Ken Bernstein reminded the Commission to focus on the criteria in designating the expansion of the Historic-Cultural Monument despite the legal issues and emotions surrounding the case.

The public hearing was reopened to answer Commission questions and concerns.

Lengthy deliberation ensued. The Commissioners expressed their desire for both parties to come up to a compromise resolution.

Motion: Declare the expansion of Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM #685) to include only the portion of the property north of, and including the easement and east of the existing HCM, subject to adoption by the City Council.

Moved: Commissioner Barron

Seconded: Commissioner Louie

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Scott

Vote: 5-0

The Commission took a break at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 6 was moved out of order and taken as Item No. 4.

6. CROSS OF SAN YSIDRO. 7570 MCGROARTY TERRANCE, CD 2, CHC-2010-3056-HCM

Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required

CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Owner: Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles

Edgar Garcia briefly introduced the case.

Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, reminded the Commission that this case was before the Commission years ago and had been recommended for approval as Historic-Cultural Monument. The nomination was forwarded to City Council. The City Council failed to act on the nomination. However, a Council Motion was introduced by Councilmember Paul Krekorian to initiate the designation again.

The Council District representative affirmed that a Motion was introduced by the Councilmember. He further stated that there were some discussions on legal issues between the Council District Office and City Attorney's Office.

There were no other speakers.

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

Moved: Commissioner Scott

Seconded: Commissioner Hamacher

Ayes: Commissioners Kennard and Barron

Nays: Commissioner Louie

Vote: 4-1

The Commission proceeded to hear Agenda Item Nos. 3 and 4 which were put on hold earlier.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

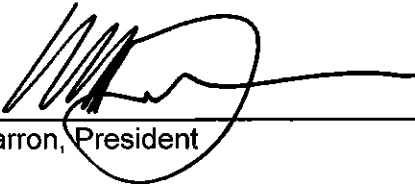
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8. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011**

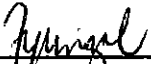
9. **INSPECTION TOUR*/DISCUSSION**

No Tours Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 6-21-12