

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 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 10:15 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Tara Hamacher, Gail Kennard, Roella Louie

Commissions Absent: Oz Scott

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Ken Bernstein, Principal Planner of Policy Planning and Historic Resources Division, updated the Commission the following subjects:

- The Los Angeles Conservancy will recognize and honor the 2010 Preservation Plan Program of the Office of Historic Resources. This is the second year in a row in which the City has received a Conservancy Award. Last year, the SurveyLA Outreach Program was also honored. Award Luncheon will be held on May 12, 2011 at Biltmore Hotel;
- Mr. Bernstein will be heading to Boston over the weekend to receive the National award for SurveyLA Outreach Program by the American Planning Association;
- Reminded the Commission to sign up for the upcoming California Preservation Conference to be held in May in Santa Monica;
- A visit from the State Preservation Office and Staff participated in the discussion session on the State Preservation Plan at the Pico House.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein also reported that PLUM has approved the Marquez Family Cemetery HCM which will eventually go to the City Council for final approval.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Old Business

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

Commissioner Louie reported that the Committee has approved the additional fund for all the projects that require additional funding so they are moving forward.

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

None

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

Commissioner Hamacher confirmed that she will be at the April 21st meeting and Commissioner Louie indicated that she will not be available on May 19th meeting.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

3. **APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MATTEUCCI AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE MIRACLE MILE NORTH HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM APRIL 8, 2011 TO APRIL 8, 2015**

Motion Required

Lambert Giessinger announced that this agenda item will be continued to the next meeting as Mr. Matteucci had not received his architectural license yet.

4. **GREEN HOLLOW SQUARE, 11961-11991 SAN VICENTE, ENV-2009-1065-EIR, CD 11, COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PROPOSED PROJECT IMPACTING HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT #887: BARRY BUILDING.** Commission Review and Comment

Applicant/Owner: Munger Community Property Revocable Trust

Nancy B. Munger Separate Property Revocable Trust

Barry Family, LLC

Mr. Bernstein introduced the agenda by giving a brief background of the subject.

Staff made Powerpoint presentation on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on Green Hollow Square Barry Building. The presentation included brief history/background, impacts, project alternatives and its relationship to the project objectives, etc.

Mr. Bernstein reported that a letter dated April 5, 2011 was received from PSOMAS regarding clarification concerning the removal of coral trees.

At the juncture, Mr. Bernstein answered some questions by the Commission.

President Barron opened the public hearing.

Ms. Stacie Henderson, Senior Environmental Planner, representing the Applicant/Owner stated that she helped on drafting the DEIR and she is at the meeting to record the Commission's comment. She also made clarification on the issue of the coral trees along the San Vicente Boulevard median.

Three speakers spoke in favor of Alternative No. 4 and a total of ten speakers expressed their opinion opposing the demolition and favoring preservation of the Barry Building.

Four speakers made general comment and added that they, too, are not in favor of demolition.

The President closed the public hearing.

The Commission deliberated. All members of the Commission were concerned about the CEQA review. Commission President stated that their comments should be submitted in writing, which everyone agreed.

Motion: Instruct the Staff to draft a letter indicating the Commission comment(s) for their review and approval.

Moved: Commissioner Barron

Seconded: Commissioner Louie

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher and Kennard

Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

5. GOLDEN STATE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY HOME OFFICE, 1999 WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD, CHC-2011-221-HCM, CD 8

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

Applicant: Los Angeles Conservancy Modern Committee

Owner: Community Impact Development II

Community Impact Development II, LLC

Ken Bernstein introduced the agenda item and indicated that a letter was received from the Superior Court regarding some legal issues on this property.

A representative from Los Angeles Conservancy Modern Committee made Powerpoint presentation of the subject property.

The President opened the public hearing.

Three speakers spoke in support of the nomination.

A representative from the Office of Insurance Commissioner of State of California advised the Commission to hold off on the determination and/or designation declaring the property as Historic-Cultural Monument pending the decision of the Superior Court on the mural issues.

A representative of the Office of the City Attorney clarified to the Commission that the Superior Court had ruled in the City's favor of this question and authorized the City to take action on the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination regardless of the ownership of the murals.

The President closed the public hearing.

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 Louie

Seconded: Commissioner Kennard

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher and Barron

Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

6. **MAY COMPANY GARAGE, 900-910 S. HILL STREET, CHC-2011-210-HCM, CD 14**

Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required

CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/

Owner: Stephan Schmidt

Greenwich Village Renovation Company, LLC

Lambert Giessinger, Architect, introduced the case.

Applicant/Owner announced that he is available to answer any question(s) by the Commission.

No other speaker.

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 Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

7. KARGE RESIDENCE, 1980-2000 W. ESCARPA DRIVE, CHC-2011-200-HCM, CD 14

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

Applicant/
Owner Mark McKenna and Grace Gaerian

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Mr. Giessinger introduced the case and announced that the applicant/owner is not available.

Mr. Charles J. Fisher, Owner/Applicant's representative spoke for the property and gave reasons for designation.

A speaker spoke in support of the designation.

Council District representative also spoke in support.

Motion: Not 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 Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard
Ayes: Commissioner Barron
Nays: Commissioner Louie
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 3-1

8. MARSH DUPLEX, 139-141 S. MANSFIELD AVENUE, CHC-2011-198-HCM, CD 5

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

Applicant/
Owner: David Trent

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Lambert Giessinger introduced the subject property and gave reasons not to declare the property a historic-cultural monument. He also noted that the applicant/owner of the property was not in the meeting.

Applicant/owner's representative presented the property and gave reasons for designation.

One speaker spoke in support of the nomination.

Commission President commented that the property is a good example of the Mediterranean style property.

Commission deliberated.

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 Louie
Seconded: Commissioner Barron
Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher and Kennard
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

The Commission took a ten-minute break.

9. **CLIFFORD E. CLINTON RESIDENCE, 5470 W. LOS FELIZ BOULEVARD,**
CHC-2011-195-HCM, CD 4

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

Applicant/
Owner Steven and Olga Goan

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar Garcia briefly introduced the agenda item.

Applicant/owner's representative made a short presentation of the property.

No other speakers present.

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 Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Barron
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard and Louie
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

10. BOETTCHER HOUSE, 1505 S. 6TH AVENUE, CHC-2011-176-HCM, CD 10

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

Applicant/
Owner: Todd R. Jackson

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar introduced and Applicant/owner's representative gave a short presentation of the subject property.

No other speakers present.

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 Kennard
Seconded: Commissioner Louie
Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

Below item was moved out of order and taken as Agenda Item No. 9

11. CHRISTENSEN RESIDENCE, 2300 W. HILL DRIVE, CHC-2011-190-HCM, CD 14

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/
Owner: David Snyder and Njeri Snyder

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Charles J. Fisher, the applicant/owner representative, presented the property and gave reasons for designation.

Applicant/owner also spoke for the property and one additional speaker spoke in support.

Council District representative spoke in favor of the nomination.

Commission deliberated.

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 Hamacher

Seconded: Commissioner Barron

Ayes: None

Nays: Commissioners Kennard and Louie

Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 2-2 (Failure to Act)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

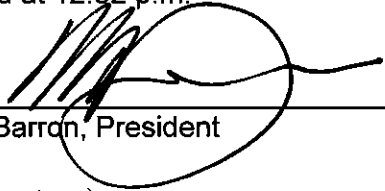
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13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011

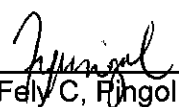
14. INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION

No Tours Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12.52 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



Felv C. Ringol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 6-21-12