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Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2012
200 North Spring Street
Room 1010, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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***Agenda Item No. 3**

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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

Commissioner Absent: Oz Scott

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Manager of Policy Planning & Historic Resources Division, Ken Bernstein, reported on the following:

- Upcoming California Preservation Foundation Conference in Oakland, California will be held on May 3 to May 6, 2012.
- One day Certified Local Government (CLG) Workshop sponsored by the State Office of Preservation will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012. Attendance for these workshops will fulfill the CLG requirement
- Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM) acted upon by the City Council: Ganahl House, Normandie Hotel, Stein House, and Scheidman House
- In Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, there was a continuance of the item on Henry's Tacos on the discussion between the Council District Office and the Applicant regarding the nomination
- City Council's approval on Mills Act regarding Ordinance changes on fees schedule
- Staff Changes: Craig Weber, Supervisor of Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZ), was promoted to Senior City Planner who will be working on Neighborhood Projects.
- Shana Bonstin, City Planner, was reassigned to replace Craig Weber on HPOZ program.

He also informed the Commission of the recent passing of Jay J. Oren, a former Preservation Architect of Cultural Heritage Commission, and paid tribute to his notable career in historic preservation.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

None

C. Update on Redevelopment Land Use Transition Issues

Mr. Bernstein apprised the Commission on the latest information regarding the Redevelopment Land Use transition issues.

He also stated that the transition took place to the designated local agency as of February 1st; one hundred ninety staff members of the local agency received pink slips and were given up to June. He further stated that they are working closely with existing staff members of the local agency to begin planning for the transition particularly on the land use division.

Commissioner Hamacher brought up her concern on the redevelopment issue in downtown Los Angeles area.

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

3) Update on 50th Anniversary of Cultural Heritage Ordinance

Mr. Edgar Garcia presented to the Commission a sample of the panel, including other historical photos to be installed along the City Hall Bridge first week of April.

President Barron thanked Commissioner Louie for taking leadership on the preparation of this event.

B. New Business

1) Advance Calendar

None

2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

3. **YOUNG-GRIBLING RESIDENCE, 3320 N. GRIFFIN AVENUE, CHC-2012-50-HCM, CD 1**
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: Paul B. Greestein and Dydia Y. Delysier

Mr. Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Charles J. Fisher, Applicant, briefly presented the case and answered the questions of the Commission.

*The Commission requested that the owner improve the maintenance of the property so the historic resource is not at risk.

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 Hamacher
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

4. **THORSEN RESIDENCE, 103 N. RIDGEWOOD PLACE, CHC-2012-59-HCM, CD 4**
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: Joseph and Elizabeth (Linsday) Gallagher

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item and Mr. Fisher, Applicant, briefly presented.

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

5. METROPOLITAN BUILDING, 315 W. 5TH STREET, CHC-2012-55-HCM, CD 14
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/
Owner: 449 S. Broadway, LLC

Owner's
Representative: Chattel Architecture, Planning & Preservation

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Two representatives from Chattel Architecture, Planning & Preservation, introduced themselves and answered questions from the Commission.

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 Hamacher
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012

8. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION**

a) **FREDERICK WILLIAM DEE RESIDENCE,** 2143 S. Victoria Avenue, CHC-2012-157-HCM, CD10

b) **FIRESTONE TIRE BUILDING**, 800 S. La Brea Avenue, CHC-2012-195-HCM, CD4

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Richard Barron, President

Fely C. Pingol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 10/4/12