

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2012
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 10:20 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

Mr. Ken Bernstein, Manager of Policy Planning & Historic Resources Division, updated the Commission on the following activities:

- At the end of the year, 38 new Mills Act contracts were recorded with to the County, which brings the program to a total of over 600 contracts; expecting a report back to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee from a Motion introduced by Councilmember Huizar to extend the cap on the program's overall capacity to \$1 million to allow the program to continue for several years. Will keep the Commission on any development.
- SurveyLA is moving forward with the completion of number of additional community plan areas; about to launch another website with Mindmixer.
- Training session for new HPOZ Board Members this Saturday
- Workshop and information on related Certified Local Government (CLG) training opportunities with California Preservation Foundation here in Los Angeles. Mr. Bernstein will be one of the speakers.
- Staff has been participating in interdepartmental meetings regarding City Hall Park.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein reported that McAlmon House was approved by the City Council last week.

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 Louie indicated that she will not be available for the February 16th meeting.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

Mr. Giessinger reported that a nomination was received on a previously declined site. He explained that as a Commission policy, two members subcommittee volunteer or be appointed to review the application to determine whether or not it warrants consideration by the Commission.

At this point, Commissioners Kennard and Louie volunteered and the Commission accepted.

Commissioner Hamacher briefly updated the Commission on the Community Advisory Committee meeting on 6th Street Bridge on which she was in attendance together with Edgar Garcia. She believed the group was siding with the Cultural Heritage Commission's viewpoint supporting a design very respectful of the family of bridges.

3. COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT'S DECISION'S POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO REDEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bernstein introduced the agenda item and gave an overview of the subject.

He also reported on the following:

- Last year, California Legislature passed two companion bills, AB26 and AB27. AB26 calls for the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and AB27 to allow voluntary payment to be made by Redevelopment Agencies to the State to reconstitute itself.

- The California Redevelopment Association filed a legal challenge on behalf of the California Agencies (CRA) in relation to Proposition 22, which was voted by the taxpayers, prohibiting the State from borrowing or taking funds used for transportation, redevelopment, or local government projects and services.
- Will be reviewing about 400 CRA properties to find out what historic resources may be affected as these properties get disposed of.
- In closing, Mr. Bernstein stated that they are working on these issues diligently.
- Answered questions of the Commission

Commission discussion ensued.

A representative from the Historic Preservation Committee of the Neighborhood Council, Mr. John Arnold, expressed their concern on the issue and would like to have access on the survey to help them on their planning and making decisions.

4. COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2010-2011 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) ANNUAL REPORT TO STATE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Mr. Bernstein introduced and discussed the highlights of the Certified Local Government (CLG) 2010-2011 Annual Report to State Office of Historic Preservation including topics on Mills Act, HPOZ, Community Plans, and Awards. A detailed written report was provided to the Commission members.

Mr. Garcia reported on 2011 Year End Review of all Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM) Designations; National Register Nominations; Cultural Heritage Commission Review and Comments, City Council Denials, and HPOZs.

Mr. Giessinger reported on the summary of Mills Act contracts for the year 2011 as follows:

- 40 Applications Received
- 38 Applications Approved or a total of 601 in the program
- Council District Office Nos. 4 & 10 received the most applications
- Breakdown as to property type: 5 Single-Family HCM, 28 Single-Family HPOZ contributors, 2 Multi-Family HCM, and 2 Multi-Family HPOZ Contributors
- Under Commercial Category: 1 HCM
- 2 Properties for Commission Review

5. SANTA FE HOSPITAL, 610 S. ST. LOUIS STREET, HCM 713, CD 14. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND COMMISSION REVIEW AND COMMENT ON PROPOSED REHABILITATION PLANS FOR A PORTION OF THE SITE.

Mr. Giessinger introduced the agenda item and its speakers.

A number of speakers made a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property including Linda Vista Senior Housing; proposed rehabilitation plans, schedule of rehab work to be done estimated to begin on February 2012 and end on June 2014, answered questions of the Commission.

Council District representative stated that the Mayor's office is pleased to know of the proposed rehab and that they are in support of the project.

6. YOUNG-GRIBLING RESIDENCE, 3320 N. GRIFFIN AVENUE, CHC-2012-50-HCM, CD 1

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

Applicant: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: Paul B. Greestein and Dydia Y. Delysier

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the agenda item.

Applicant, Charles J. Fisher, made PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and gave reasons for designation.

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 warrants further investigation. Adopt the report findings.

Moved: Commissioner Hamacher

Seconded: Commissioner Kennard

Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron

Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

7. THORSEN RESIDENCE, 103 N. RIDGEWOOD PLACE, CHC-2012-59-HCM, CD 4

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

Applicant: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: Joseph and Elizabeth (Linsday) Gallagher

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Applicant, Charles J. Fisher, made PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and gave reasons for designation.

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 warrants further investigation. Adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 4-0

8. MESSERLEY RESIDENCE, 826 S. BURLINGTON, CHC-2012-57-HCM, CD 1

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

Applicant: Richard K. Mitchell

Owner: Richard K. Mitchell and Gary Allen Mitchell

Mr. Garcia announced that the Applicant/Owner requested to postpone the hearing to a later date.

9. METROPOLITAN BUILDING, 315 W. 5TH STREET, CHC-2012-55-HCM, CD 14

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. 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.

Owner's Representative made PowerPoint presentation of the subject property and answered questions of the Commission.

Council District representative stated that the Mayor's Office is in support of the project.

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 warrants further investigation. Adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 4-0

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

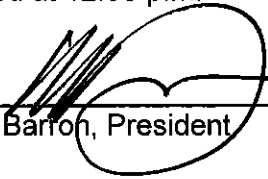
Mr. Charles J. Fisher brought to the attention of the Commission regarding removal of Martin Luther Burbank Causeway without proper notification. He wanted to know why it was removed and if it possible to reconstruct the artifact.

11. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

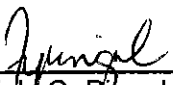
12. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION**

No tours scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 8/2/2012