

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 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 10:14 a.m.

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

Commissions Absent: None

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Mr. Ken Bernstein thanked Commissioner Louie for her leadership, Edgar Garcia for a job well done, and the whole Commission for their active participation at the 50th Anniversary of Cultural Heritage Ordinance celebration last week. The event was a success.

He also reported reported on the following:

- Participation in the National American Planning Association Conference for two days; hosted over 5,000 urban planners around the country; had various tours including City's housing, HPOZ, etc.
- Will be moderating a panel on Historic Preservation and the Westside Urban Forum tomorrow
- City Planning Commission had a joint meeting with Redevelopment Agency Board on April 12, 2012 regarding the ongoing issues of transition regarding redevelopment land use issues. Will keep the Commission posted on the progress.
- The Hollywood Community Plan has been continued to May 1 at Planning and Land Use Management Committee.
- Three Historic-Cultural Monuments will go to full City Council for approval: Young-Gribling Residence, Thorsen Residence, and Metropolitan Building
- The Mayor held its State of the City Address regarding City Budget

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

Lambert Giessinger announced that the May 3, 2012 meeting may be cancelled.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

Commissioner Louie requested that an invitation letter be sent to all former Cultural Heritage Commissioners to attend the Los Angeles Conservancy's 2012 Preservation Awards luncheon. She also volunteered to draft the letter.

3. **ROMAN GARDENS, HCM 397, 2000 N. HIGHLAND AVENUE, CD 4**
INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON ON-GOING REHABILITATION
WORK AND DISCUSSION OF REFINED CONCEPTS FOR POSSIBLE NEW
CONSTRUCTION ON SITE.

Mr. Giessinger gave a brief description of the agenda item.

One speaker, an architect representing Roman Gardens made a PowerPoint presentation and an overview on the subject property. She gave a review of what transpired after the February 16th visit of the property. Other topics discussed were various design concepts and proposed new building, and answered questions of the Commission.

Commission discussion ensued in support of the rehabilitation and possible new construction on site.

4. **BROWN-GORSLINE HOUSE, 2626 PORTLAND STREET, CHC-2012- 959-HCM
CD 8**

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

Applicant/Owner: Donn Gorsline and Laura Meyers

Lambert Giessinger, Architect, introduced the agenda item.

Applicant/Owner, Donn Gorsline and Laura Meyers, made PowerPoint presentation on the subject property including the background and history of the original owners and answered questions of the Commission.

Two additional speakers spoke in support of the nomination.

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 Scott

Seconded: Commissioner Louie

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A speaker representing United Neighborhoods Council brought up the issue of an ongoing problem with Jefferson Park HPOZ.

Another speaker extended an invitation for the Commission to attend a Preservation Month Celebration on May 6 that will honor Ms. Alma Carlisle.

6. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2012**

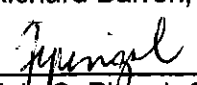
7. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION***

California Aerospace Museum, Exposition Park (CA Register Nomination)

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Adopted: 8/2/12