

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, October 6, 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 10:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Gail Kennard, Roella Louie, Oz Scott

Commissions Absent: Tara Hamacher

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other Items of Interest

Manager, Office of Historic Resources, Ken Bernstein reported on the following:

- Administrative Code Enforcement is now being developed by the City Attorney's Office in light of a motion introduced by Councilmember Jose Huizar regarding illegal destruction of historic structures and features, including revision to existing fees and penalties in the Municipal Code. There was an initial inter-departmental meeting among City Planning, Department, Department of Building and Safety, the City Administrative Officer, and the City Attorney.
- SurveyLA Program was presented an award this past weekend by the California Preservation Foundation at their annual award ceremony in San Francisco. Planning staff were unable to attend. However, a number of representatives attended on our behalf.
- New appointments will be made today as member-at-large to the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) Board for a term of 4 years from October 6, 2011 to October 6, 2015.
- LA Conservancy will be sponsoring an HPOZ tour on November 6, 2011.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein reported that three Historic Cultural Monuments were approved by the City Council: Catalina Brent Pico House, Richard Dana Branch Library, and the Ralph J. Chandler Residence. Whittier's Texaco Station was disapproved.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

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

Commissioner Louie reported that the project is complete and a representative from Los Angeles Unified School District will be coming to the November 3, 2011 meeting to make a report on the completed project and present some photographs.

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

None

- 3) Discussion of Cultural Heritage Ordinance and Commission 50th Anniversary

Commissioner Louie has been planning for the celebration.

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

Commissioner Scott indicated that he will not be available on November 17 and December 1, 2011.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

Mr. Giessinger updated the Commission on the status of a letter dated September 26, 2011 to Department of Transportation (DOT) addressing the concern on a pedestrian crosswalk recently installed on Silver Lake Boulevard. He recently got a call from DOT in response to the said letter. DOT pointed out that there is nothing they can do about the situation.

Commission President, Richard Barron, welcomed all the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) Board appointees for the 4 years term from October 6, 2011 to October 6, 2015.

3. APPOINTMENT OF RONALD ZATE AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE HANCOCK PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 6, 2011 TO OCTOBER 6, 2015. Motion Required.

Mr. Ronald Zate introduced himself and gave reasons why he wanted to become a member of the HPOZ Board.

Motion: Appoint Mr. Ronald Zate as member-at-large to the Hancock Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a term of 4 years from October 6, 2011 to October 6, 2015.

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

Vote: 4-0

4. **APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA BENNER AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 6, 2011 TO OCTOBER 6, 2015.** Motion Required.

This agenda item will be continued to the next regular meeting of October 20, 2011 as Ms. Patricia Benner was not present.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF JUDY REIDEL AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE COUNTRY CLUB PARK/WILSHIRE PARK/WINDSOR VILLAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONES BOARD FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 6, 2011 TO OCTOBER 6, 2015.** Motion Required.

Ms. Judy Reidel introduced herself and gave her qualifications and background on HPOZ.

Motion: Appoint Ms. Judy Reidel as member-at-large to the Country Club Park/Wilshire Park/Windsor Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zones Board for a term of 4 years from October 6, 2011 to October 6, 2015.

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

Vote: 4-0

6. **APPOINTMENT OF TOM SMITH AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE COUNTRY CLUB PARK/WILSHIRE PARK/WINDSOR VILLAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONES BOARD FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 6, 2011 TO OCTOBER 6, 2015.** Motion Required.

Mr. Tom Smith introduced himself and gave his involvement with HPOZ. He also gave reasons for wanting to be a member of HPOZ Board.

Motion: Appoint Mr. Tom Smith as member-at-large to the as member-at-large to the Country Club Park/Wilshire Park/Windsor Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zones Board for a term of 4 years from October 6, 2011 to October 6, 2015.

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

Vote: 4-0

7. APPOINTMENT OF SUZANNE WILTON AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE COUNTRY CLUB PARK/WILSHIRE PARK/WINDSOR VILLAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONES BOARD FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 6, 2011 TO OCTOBER 6, 2015.

Motion Required.

Ms. Suzanne Wilton introduced herself by giving her professional experience and accomplishments with architectural and project management expertise in hospital planning, design, construction, and code enforcement.

Motion: Appoint Ms. Suzanne Wilton as member-at-large to the Country Club Park/Wilshire Park/Windsor Village Historic Preservation Overlay Zones Board for a term of 4 years from October 6, 2011 to October 6, 2015.

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

Vote: 4-0

Mr. Bernstein also welcomed all newly appointed HPOZ Board members and recognized the presence of Mr. Craig Weber, Manager of HPOZ, who was responsible for interviewing prospective Board members, along with Architect Lambert Giessinger..

8. HOLLYHOCK HOUSE, HCM 12, 4800 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, CD 13, INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL (UNESCO) WORLD HERITAGE LIST.

Mr. Bernstein introduced the agenda item.

A representative from the Department of Cultural Affairs made the informational presentation on the subject via PowerPoint.

He provided the Commission a copy of the New Release by the U.S. Department of Interior dated July 13, 2011 showing a list of World Heritage Nominations. Also, a copy of SaveWright publication was distributed which includes an article showing the timeline in the process involved in a World Heritage nomination.

He stated that between now and June of next year, they will actually prepare the nomination and by July 2012, a draft will be submitted to the National Park Service (NPS) for review. By September it will go to World Heritage Centre (WHC) for technical review and will get comment(s) in November and then it will go to a federal interagency panel for evaluation. By February 2013, the final nomination will be submitted by the U.S. Department of Interior to UNESCO for final decision.

Commission President thanked the speaker.

Agenda Item Nos. 9 and 10 were discussed simultaneously as they are related.

**9. LINCOLN PLACE APARTMENTS, 1002 S. FREDERICK STREET, ET. AL.,
CHC-2011-2002, CD 11**

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

Owner/Applicant: AIMCO Venezia, LLC

Owner's
Representative: Historic Resources Group

Mr. Lambert Giessinger, Architect, introduced the agenda item and gave Staff Recommendation.

Speakers from Historic Resources Group, who are the representing AIMCO Venezia, LLC, the Owner/Applicant indicated that they will be presenting/discussing both Agenda Item Nos. 9 and 10 simultaneously as they are related.

Both speakers made PowerPoint presentation; gave an overview, its history and context, and the character-defining features of the subject property.

Vice President of AIMCO Venezia, LLC spoke on historic preservation and sustainability background, proposed historic rehabilitation, financial challenges, example of non-primary façade was shown, and exterior rehabilitation concept of the property.

Commissioners gave some positive feedback and applauded the speakers for their presentation and positive progress on this important project. They also expressed hopes that this project move forward quickly.

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

Vote: 4-0

10. **LINCOLN PLACE APARTMENTS, 1002 S. FREDERICK STREET, ET. AL.,
CHC-2011-1566-MAEX, CD 11, REVIEW OF EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY
VALUATION LIMIT FOR HISTORICAL PROPERTY (MILLS ACT) APPLICATION.**
Motion Required

Discussion included under Agenda Item No. 9

Motion: Find the property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption;
approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit.

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

Vote: 4-0

11. **445 S. WINDSOR BOULEVARD, CHC-2011-1559-MAEX, CD 4, REVIEW OF
EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY VALUATION LIMIT FOR HISTORICAL PROPERTY
CONTRACT (MILLS ACT) APPLICATION.**
Motion Required

Mr. Giessinger introduced the agenda item and its speaker.

Ms. Vanessa Withers of Historic Preservation Partners, and representing the property owner made PowerPoint presentation on building information, alteration history and the property's existing conditions.

Motion: Find the property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption;
approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit.

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

Vote: 4-0

The Commission took a break at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

12. HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, 1521 N. HIGHLAND AVENUE, COMMENTS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ON PROPOSED LISTING OF THE HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, CHC-2011-2487-NR, CD 13

Mr. Edgar Garcia introduced the agenda item.

A speaker from Historic Resources Group spoke on behalf of the Hollywood High School Alumni. She made a brief statement about the school and expressed support for the nomination.

Motion: Adopt the proposed resolution.

Moved: Commissioner Kennard

Seconded: Commissioner Scott

Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron

Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

13. HENRY'S TACOS, 11401 MOORPARK STREET, CHC-2011-2496, CD 2

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant: Janis Hood

Applicant's

Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: Mehran and Elizabeth Ebrahimpour Co. Trust

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item and urged the Commissioners to adopt Staff Recommendation to take the property under consideration.

Mr. Charles J. Fisher, Applicant's Representative, presented the subject property and gave reasons for designation.

Applicant spoke and added more information regarding the property.

One additional speaker 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 Kennard

Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron

Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

**14. WARD-BERGER HOUSE, 3156 N. LAKE HOLLYWOOD DRIVE,
CHC-2011-2516-HCM, CD 4**

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant/Owner: Sam and Janet Robertson

Applicant's
Representative: Barbara Lamprecht

Mr. Garcia introduced the item.

Applicant's Representative, Barbara Lamprecht, presented the property via PowerPoint including its background and history.

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

Vote: 4-0

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

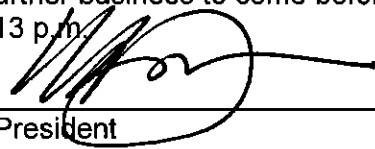
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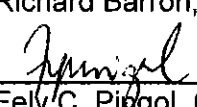
16. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

17. INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION

No tours scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.


Richard Barron, President


Fely C. Pingol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 8/2/12