

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, October 20, 2011
200 North Spring Street
Room 1010, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

MINUTES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN **ACTION FORMAT**. COMPLETE DETAILS, **INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION**, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE HEARING RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. COPIES OF COMPACT DISC RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE WORLD WIDE WEB AT **<http://www.planning.lacity.org>**

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Richard Barron at 10:15 a.m.

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

Commissions Absent: None

President Richard Barron announced that there will be an Earthquake Drill this morning and Commissioners, Staff, and the public don't have to leave the building. However, everybody was expected to duck during the drill.

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other Items of Interest

Ken Bernstein, Manager of Policy Planning & Historic Resources Division, is presently attending a conference. Therefore, there was no report presented.

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

Commissioner Louie reported that there will be a presentation of the San Pedro High School project scheduled by the Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board on November 17, 2011. She also conveyed a message from the Contractor that he has not been paid for the work done on the project.

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

None

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

None

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

Earthquake Drill took place at 10:20 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

3. **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.

Agenda item will be continued to the next meeting. Ms. Patricia Benner was not present.

4. **STEIN HOUSE, 968 STONEHILL LANE, CHC-2011-2646-HCM, CD 11**
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant/Owner: Adam Blackman

Applicant's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Charles J. Fisher, Applicant's Representative, made a PowerPoint presentation on the property and gave reasons for designation.

One speaker, an architect, 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 Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Scott
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard, Louie, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

5. SCHNEIDMAN HOUSE, 925 STONEHILL LANE, CHC-2011-2653-HCM, CD 11

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant/Owner: Alexander D. MacDowell

Applicant's
Representative: Ann Marie Brooks

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item and gave Staff recommendation.

Applicant's Representative, Ann Marie Brooks, made a PowerPoint presentation and gave reasons for designation.

One speaker spoke in favor of the 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 Scott
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard, Louie, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

6. 2233½ SUNSET BOULEVARD HOME, CHC-2011-2619- HCM, CD 13

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant: Rory Mitchell

Owner: 2225 Sunset LLC & E.D. Flores Corp

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item and gave Staff Recommendation not to take the Property under consideration as Historic-Cultural Monument.

Applicant, Rory Mitchell, testified for the subject property; made a PowerPoint presentation on the historical features of the property. He also gave reasons for designation.

Four speakers spoke in support of the nomination. A letter dated October 19, 2011 from Mathew Dubuois, Acting President of Echo Park Historical Society, was read also in support of the nomination.

Commission deliberated.

Motion: Not 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 do not suggest the submittal warrants further investigation. Adopt the report findings.

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

Vote: 3-2

7. HERITAGE SQUARE MUSEUM, 3800 HOMER STREET AND 3504 PASADENA AVENUE, CHC-2011-2206- HCM, CD 1

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

Applicant: Mitzi March Mogul, Heritage Square Museum

Owner: City of Los Angeles

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

Applicant, Ms. Mitzi March Mogul of Heritage Square Museum made a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property. She also reported that Councilmember Reyes of Council District 1 is supportive of the Museum.

Three other speakers spoke in support of the designation.

A representative from Recreation and Parks Department made a general comment/concern on the designation. She questioned why the Applicant nor Cultural Heritage Commission Office did not discuss and/or even request her Department for a letter of support for the nomination and/or designation of the subject property.

Staff responded that although it is not a requirement, it will be a good protocol to seek a letter of support from the concerned Department.

Some lengthy discussion ensued.

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 Louie
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard, Scott, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

8. 350 N. SYCAMORE APARTMENTS, CHC-2011-2195- HCM, CD 5

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

Applicant/Hector C. and Sonia Montejano
Owner:

Applicant's
Representative: Charles Fisher

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item and gave Staff Recommendation.

Applicant's Representative, Mr. Charles Fisher, briefly presented the subject property. He requested that the project name be changed from Sycamore Apartments to North Sycamore Chateau as submitted and reflected in the application. He further explained that there is another property in the area as officially referred to as North Sycamore Apartments.

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; and change the project name to North Sycamore Chateau.

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

Vote: 5-0

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

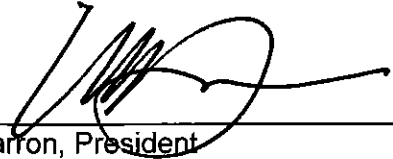
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10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011

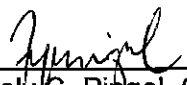
11. INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION*

- a) McALMON HOUSE, 2217 WAVERLY DRIVE, CHC-2011-2197, CD 4
(1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: _____

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