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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, November 3, 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 10:12 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

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

- Attended the National Preservation Conference in Buffalo, New York with Janet Hansen on of Office of Historic Resources;
- Thanked Commissioner Barron for participating in the Planning Day held on October 12, 2011;
- Planning employees under the EAA are now taking an increment of two-hour furlough each work day;
- A fire occurred involving a Historic-Cultural Monument, Magic Castle in Hollywood. Fire was due to electrical problem and damage was not severe.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

- Kun Residence and Evening Star Missionary Star Baptist Church were approved by the City Council.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

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

Commissioner Louie reported that she will be meeting with the Committee today at 3:00 p.m and that the presentation scheduled for November 17th is moved to December 1, 2011.

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

None

B. New Business

1) Advance Calendar

None

2) Commission Announcements/Requests

Commissioner Louie requested that the Commission create a committee for the Holiday (Christmas) party.

Commissioner Hamacher volunteered.

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 NOVEMBER 3, 2011 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2015. Motion Required.

President Barron introduced Ms. Patricia Benner.

Ms. Benner presented herself by giving some of her educational background and HPOZ experience.

Motion:	Appoint Patricia Benner as member-at-large to the Windsor Square Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a term of 4 years from November 3, 2011 to November 3, 2015.
Moved:	Commissioner Barron
Seconded:	Commissioner Scott
Ayes:	Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Louie
Vote:	**5-0**

4. COMMISSION REVIEW OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIR/EIS) AND COMMISSION COMMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION AND REPLACEMENT OF THE 6TH STREET VIADUCT (HCM #905). Motion Required

Mr. Bernstein introduced the agenda item; gave an overview and status of the subject. He also stated that it is now the Commission's opportunity to make their final comment on the project.

Several speakers, including the team of consultants, engineers, architects, and employees from Caltrans and some City employees from Public Works were introduced by the lead speaker from Bureau of Engineering.

A PowerPoint presentation on the following subjects included:

- Preservation Related Outreach (Meetings/Workshops/Presentaton)
- Background on Existing Conditions
- EIR/EIS Alternatives Considered
- Preferred Alternative (Replacement Alignments)
- Bridge Concept 4 – Cable Supported (received highest ranking in alternatives evaluation)
- Bridge Concept 1 – Main Span Replication (received lowest ranking in alternatives evaluation)
- Memorandum of Agreement Stipulations for Treatment of Historic Properties
- Architecture Enhancement and Design
- Project Schedule

And in closing, the lead speaker respectfully requested the Commission to concur with the EIR/EIS.

Edgar Garcia discussed further the Bridge Concept 1 which is the Main Span Replication.

Ken Bernstein thanked all presenters for a good presentation. He also commented that this case has been one of the most difficult preservation challenges faced by the Commission in the recent years.

Representative from the Mayor's Office, Mr. Chris Espinosa made some general comments and did not take any position. He thanked the Commission for its thoughtful comments and discussed the many complex considerations surrounding this issue.

The President reiterated the Commission's strong position to reconstruct and/or rehabilitate the bridge.

Two additional speakers spoke in support of reconstructing the bridge and one in support of building a new bridge.

President Barron closed the public hearing and the Commission deliberated.

Each member of the Commission expressed their own views and opinions. They all agreed that the best alternative to preserve the integrity of the bridge is to support a reconstruction alternative.

Motion: Adopt the proposed letter as the Commission formal recommendation.

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

Vote: 5-0

5 **CHASE KNOLLS GARDEN APARTMENTS, HCM 683, 13401 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CD 2**
Informational Presentation on Status of Property Owner's Compliance under the Mills Act Historical Property Contract.

Owner: Friedkin Realty Group

Owner's
Representative: Chattel Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Lambert Giessinger, Architect, introduced the agenda item and its speaker.

Mr. Robert Chattel, Preservation Architect, Owner's Representative, spoke to address the preservation plan for the property. He made a PowerPoint presentation on the Chase Knolls apartments. He also discussed the following topics: scope of work, phases of work, roof replacement alternatives/venting/skylights, gutters (downspouts), stucco and paint, historic paint analysis, trees arborist reports, trees hazardous removal, proposed landscaping, appropriate replacement species, and lighting. He answered questions of the Commission.

The Commission discussion ensued.

One speaker spoke to express his pleasure that the proposed rehabilitation of said property is now moving forward.

The Commission took a break at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

6. **GANAHL HOUSE, 232 S. ANDREWS PLACE, CHC-2011-2738-HCM, CD 4**
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant/
Owner: Urbica Delechon Trust

Applicant/Owner
Representative: Ann Marie Brooks

Edgar Garcia, introduced the agenda item.

Ann Marie Brook, the Applicant/Owner Representative briefly presented the subject property via PowerPoint. She also gave some historical background of the original owner.

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 Adopt the report findings

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

Vote: **5-0**

7. NORMANDIE HOTEL, 605 S. NORMANDIE AVENUE, CHC-2011-2740-HCM, CD 10
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant/ Owner:	Normandie Hotel LA LLC
Applicant/Owner Representative:	Galvin Preservation Associates

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Applicant/Owner made a PowerPoint presentation on the property including the history, significance, early commercial development, and the current rehabilitation project. She also showed the current photos of the property.

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**

8. McALMON HOUSE, 2717 W. WAVERLY DRIVE, CHC-2011-2197-HCM, CD 4
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/ Owner:	Lawrence Alan Schaffer

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Applicant/Owner, Mr. Lawrence Alan Schaffer, was present but opted not to speak.

President Barron commented that the Commissioners enjoyed seeing the house and were pleased that the owners are keeping the property in a very good condition.

Commissioner Kennard thanked and complimented the owners for the good quality of the application.

In closing, the Applicant/Owner, extended their invitation to see the house on Sunday, November 6th between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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, Scott, and Barron
Vote:	**5-0**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011

11. INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION*

a) **HENRY'S TACOS,** 11401 Moorpark Street, CHC-2011-2496, CD 2

b) **WARD-BERGER HOUSE**, 3156 Lake Hollywood Drive, CHC-2011-2516-HCM, CD 4

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Richard Barron, President

Fely C. Pingol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 8/2/12