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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Mingus Youth Arts Center
1727 E. 107th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90002

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INSPECTION TOUR

1. **STEIN HOUSE**, 968 Stonehill Lane, CHC-2011-2646-HCM, CD 11
2. **SCHNEIDMAN HOUSE**, 925 Stonehill Lane, CHC-2011-2653-HCM, CD 11

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Richard Barron at 1:45 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Tara Hamacher, Gail Kennard, Roella Louie

Commissioner Absent: Oz Scott

Guests: (Cultural Affairs Commission)

York Chang, President
Josephine Ramirez, Vice President
Richard Montoya, Commissioner
Saul Romo, Assistant General Manager

Sharon Paulo, Commission Executive Assistant

President Barron introduced members of the Cultural Heritage Commission. He thanked Ms. Rosie Lee Hooks, Director of Watts Towers, for the accommodation of the facility.

Ms. Hooks introduced Mr. Rogelio Acevedo, Education Coordinator. She then proceeded by giving an overview of the Watts Towers and its background. She also distributed materials/documents related to Watts Towers.

3. PRESENTATION BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART ON CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE LONG TERM PRESERVATION OF THE WATTS TOWERS (TOWERS OF SIMON RODIA), HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT #15, 1765 EAST 107TH STREET

Representative from Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) made PowerPoint presentation of the Towers. Topics included were the following: Scope of

Staffing, List of Present Contractors/Consultants, Goals and Objectives, Number of Activities, Archival Research, Site Maintenance/Improvements, Data Analysis, Site Survey, Inspection and Monitoring.

Also showed Cracks and Cracks Repair, Vibration Monitoring, Thermal Imaging, Corrosion Monitoring and Control, and Findings.

At this point, Assistant General Manager of Cultural Affairs Commission, Saul Romo, introduced the Cultural Affairs Commissioners present.

He also provided additional information on the Watts Towers.

Two speakers expressed their appreciation of the meeting and were encouraged by the result of the meeting. They also stated that they want to see more meetings in the community and encouraged the City to be more involved in the preservation of the Towers.

Commissioner Chang of Cultural Affairs Commission asked about the current database system.

LACMA staff responded that the present database is cumbersome. He further stated that they are presently working on a new system and hope to finish by the end of the year.

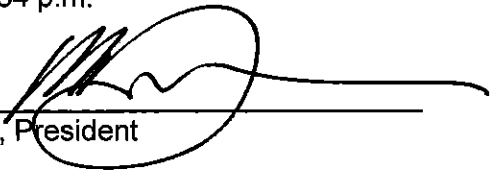
All present at the meeting went to visit the Towers on site, in a tour led by Mr. Frank Preusser. Mr. Preusser discussed the present conditions of the Towers, identified the different kinds of cracks and identified areas of damage.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

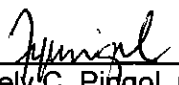
None

5. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



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