

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 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 10:20 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Tara Hamacher, Gail Kennard, Roella Louie

Commissions Absent: Oz Scott

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other Items of Interest

Ken Bernstein, Manager of Policy & Historic Resources Division, made the following report:

- City Planning Commission has approved the Hollywood Community Plan, the oldest Community Plan last updated way back in 1988.
- The Department has been approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board to allocate \$3.1 million to do transit oriented development planning
- Reminded the Commissioners to provide the information required for the Certified Government Status on training, education, workshops, and other related fields.
- Reporting back on Council Motion introduced by Councilmember Huizar to increase the program cap.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein reported that the Council approved 38 Mills Act contracts except A property on Meier Street in Mar Vista.

He further reported actions made by the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) to go to full Council for approval: The Heritage Square Museum, and the 350 North Sycamore Apartments.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

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

Representative of the project made a PowerPoint presentation on the following: a brief biography of the San Pedro High School mural artist and some examples of his painting, structural aspects of the paintings, treatment of the murals, etc.

Commissioner Louie thanked the speaker for the presentation.

Mr. Bernstein explained the Commission's involvement on the project.

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

None

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

Commissioner Louie reported that planning is in progress and moving forward.

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

Mr. Bernstein announced that the January 5, 2012 meeting may be cancelled.

Commissioner Scott indicated that he will not be available on January 19th meeting.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

President Barron notified Staff regarding an exposed original sign/relic called Hasta A Madre along Cornfield Park with no sign that signifies the importance of the relic.

Staff responded that they will do some research and see what can be done about it. They also stated that they will be coordinating with Bureau of Engineering.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF RAY MARTINELLI AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE-TO THE VINEGAR HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE FOR A TERM OF 4 YEARS FROM DECEMBER 15, 2011 TO DECEMBER 15, 2015.** Motion Required.

Mr. Bernstein introduced Mr. Ray Martinelli to the members of the Commission.

Mr. Martinelli presented himself by giving his involvement with the HPOZ.

Motion: Appoint Ray Martinelli as member-at-large to the Vinegar Hill Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a term of 4 years from December 15, 2011 to December 15, 2015.

Moved: Commissioner Barron

Seconded: Commissioner Scott

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher, Kennard, and Louie

Vote: 5-0

4. **VINEGAR HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE PROPOSED EXPANSION, CPC-1999-0194-HPOZ-M1, CD 15.** Certification of revised Historic Resources Survey to include properties generally bounded by 8th Street to the north, Harbor Boulevard to the west, 12th Street to the south (including properties fronting Mesa Street as far south as 14th Street) and Pacific Avenue to the east.

Mr. Bernstein introduced the agenda item and Craig Weber, City Planner who made PowerPoint on the matter which includes the following subjects:

- Certification of Existing Vinegar Hill HPOZ
- Expanded Vinegar Hill Survey Certification of Revised Historic Resources for CEQA purposes
- Adoption of Expanded HPOZ
- Expansion as part of San Pedro Community Plan

Two speakers spoke in support of the survey and expressed concern about the protection of the expanded area.

Motion: Certify the revised Historic Resources Survey as to the accuracy and completeness.

Moved: Commissioner Louie

Seconded: Commissioner Hamacher

Ayes: Commissioners Kennard, Scott, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

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

Lambert Giessinger, Architect, introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Scott Houston and another speaker, owner's representatives, gave an overview and orientation of the subject property. They made PowerPoint presentation on the following subjects: current ownership, its objectives and expectations, overall conditions of the garden today, proposed rehabilitation considered various options, and answered questions of the Commission.

Some discussions ensued.

Mr. Giessinger explained that the main purpose of the presentation is just to introduce what the site is all about, its concept, and plans for rehabilitation of the property. He further explained that a tour visit of the site will be scheduled at a later date.

6. **HENRY'S TACOS, 11401 MOORPARK STREET, CHC-2011-2496, CD 2**
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant: Janis Hood

Applicant's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Owner: Mehran and Elizabeth Ebrahimpour Co. Trust

Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner introduced the item.

Applicant's Representative, Charles J. Fisher, made PowerPoint presentation and gave reasons for designation.

Applicant, Janis Hood, testified for the subject property, read a letter of support from one of their customers.

One additional speaker also spoke in support of the nomination.

Owners of the property also spoke; stated that they were not aware of the application. They were concerned about what will happen to their property once it become a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Planning staff explained the Historic-Cultural Monument process and assured the property owners that all notification and procedures requirements under the Ordinance were complied.

President Barron also explained the process involved in the Historic-Cultural Monument application. He stated that the Cultural Heritage Commission only make recommendation to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and to full Council for final approval.

Mr. Bernstein responded to the owner's question as to their option(s) once their property is declared as Historic-Cultural Monument.

Some discussion ensued.

The President closed the public hearing and Commission deliberated.

Motion: Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Chapter 9, Division 22, Article 1, Section 22.171.7; excluding the westerly 50 feet of said Lot 105 from the designation; and adopt the report findings.

Moved: Commissioner Hamacher

Seconded: Commissioner Kennard

Ayes: Commissioners Louie, Scott, and Barron

Vote: 5-0

7. GANAHL HOUSE, 232 S. ANDREWS PLACE, CHC-2011-2738-HCM, CD 4

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

Applicant/ Urbica Delechon Trust
Owner:

Applicant/Owner Ann Marie Brooks
Representative:

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Applicant/Owner's Representative, Ann Marie Brooks, briefly made a PowerPoint presentation of the subject property.

President Barron commented that they already have seen the presentation and toured the property.

Commissioner Hamacher suggested to the Applicant that they should be brief and concise in their description when filing an application.

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

Vote: 4-0

8. **NORMANDIE HOTEL, 605 S. NORMANDIE AVENUE, CHC-2011-2740-HCM, CD 10**
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/ Owner: Normandie Hotel LA LLC

Applicant/Owner Representative: Galvin Preservation Associates

Mr. Garcia briefly introduced the agenda item.

Applicant/Owner also made a brief statement; made herself available to answer any question.

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: Commissioner Kennard and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

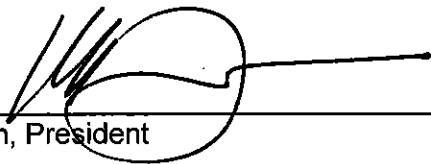
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10. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012**

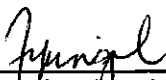
11. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION***

No tours scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 8/2/2012