

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, November 4, 2010
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 10:10 a.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Ken Bernstein, Manager of Office of Historic Resources, welcomed and introduced the new Director of Planning, Michael LoGrande.

The Director of Planning appreciated all of the Commission's hard work and dedication. He thanked them for serving on the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Mr. LoGrande also gave an overview of the Department's current standing with staff reduction, early retirement of seasoned employees and furloughs. Currently, Planning is currently doing more work with less staff. He also went over the restructuring of the Department to serve the residents of Los Angeles in a more efficient manner.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein also updated the Commission on the following:

- City Council recently approved two Historical-Cultural Monuments: Hauerwaas Residence and Carol E. Wheeler House.
- There was a Council Motion to re-initiate Cross of San Ysidro of Council District 2 which was previously considered by the Cultural Heritage Commission but was not officially approved by the City Council. This item will undergo the whole process again by the Commission.
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- Final action by the Council on Wilshire Park/Windsor Village HPOZ Combination of Council District 10. Both districts will be sharing on HPOZ Board.
- On November 18, 2010 Cultural Heritage Commission meeting, Commissioners will be reviewing and approving Preservation Plans for 16 existing Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs).
- Introduced the New Director of Advocacy for Los Angeles Conservancy, Mr. Adrian Scott Fine, who will be speaking under Public Comment of the agenda.

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Old Business

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

Commissioner Louie updated the Commission on the latest development of the project and also reported that she had two site visits: San Pedro High School and the John Marshall High School.

President Barron suggested that students be invited to Commission meetings to do some PowerPoint presentation on the project.

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

None

B. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

Commissioner Hamacher indicated that she will not be available on December 2, 2010 meeting.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

3. **EXPANSION OF THE PASCUAL MARQUEZ FAMILY CEMETERY (HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT #685), TO INCLUDE ADJACENT LOT 30, 635 N. SAN LORENZO STREET, CHC-2010-2919-HCM, CD 11.**

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required.

Applicant: Monica Marquez

Owners: Deidre Logsdon, Fred Marcus Davida Rochilin
Ray W. Dodd, Margaret M. Ray, Margaret Dodd
Fred J. Marcus

Ken Bernstein, introduced the agenda item by giving the background and history of the subject property. He asked the Commission to determine that the application is complete and that the property may be significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential expansion of an existing Historic-Cultural Monument.

Monica Marquez, applicant, read a letter written by her father, Ernest Marquez, dated July 21, 1969 regarding the property. Mr. Ernest Marquez added more information on the background.

Four additional speakers and the Council District representative spoke in support of the nomination.

Three speakers made general comment.

Lengthy deliberation by the Commission ensued. During the deliberation, Mr. Bernstein emphasized that the Commission should focus on the approval of the expansion of the cemetery to include adjacent lot 30 and determine if it warrants further investigation.

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 Kennard

Seconded: Commissioner Louie

Ayes: Commissioners Hamacher and Scott

*Nays: Commissioner Barron

Vote: 4-1

The Commission took a five-minute break.

Agenda Item No. 6 was moved out of order and was taken as Item No. 4

6. THE WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TEMPLE, HCM 116, CHC-1973-2867-HCM, 3641-3663 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, 618-646 S. HOBART AVENUE, 625-647 S. HARVARD BOULEVARD, CD 10

Commission Review and Comment on Proposed Restoration of Existing Temple.

Applicant/Owner: Wilshire Boulevard Temple

Owner's Representative: Brenda Levin, Levin & Associates

Mrs. Brenda Levin of Levin & Associates gave a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the Wilshire Boulevard Temple restoration project. She stated that their company is involved in the Master Plan. They will be working on securing permits for the assembly hall, sanctuary, and the construction of the central plant which will serve the entire campus. She also reported on the detailed work that has been done so far on the temple. She answered questions of the Commission.

President Barron thanked Ms. Levin and commented that it was an excellent presentation.

4. ARENSBERG-STENDAHL HOME GALLERY, 7065 W. HILLSIDE AVENUE, CHC-2010-2948-HCM, CD 4.

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: Ronald and April Dammann, Co-Trustees
R and A Dammann Trust and Sarah D. Thomas

Owner's Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Edgar Garcia introduced the agenda item and asked the Commission to adopt Staff recommendation and findings.

Mr. Charlie Fisher, Applicant/Owner's representative gave a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and gave reasons for designation; answered questions of the Commission.

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
Nays: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-1

5. **CANOGA PARK BRANCH LIBRARY, HCM 700, 7260 N. OWENSMOUTH AVENUE, CD 3**

Commission Review and Comment on Proposed Adaptive Use Project.

Applicant/Owner: City of Los Angeles

Lambert Giessenger briefly introduced the agenda item and its speaker.

An Associate Planner from West Valley Regional Community Redevelopment Agency's Office spoke on the background/history of the subject property.

The Architect working on the project also spoke on the proposed rehabilitation/restoration of the library and the proposed adaptive use project. He answered questions of the Commission.

The Commission thanked the speakers.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

8. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

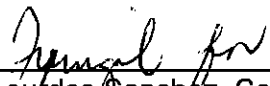
9. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION**

No Tours Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



Lourdes Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 8/2/12