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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, August 2, 2012
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 10:14 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Gail Kennard, Roella Louie, Tara Hamacher

Commissions Absent: Oz Scott

Councilmember Tom LaBonge was at the meeting. He spoke briefly in support of Agenda Item No. 3. Proposed Widening of Riverside-Zoo Drive Bridge. He stated that he visited the site this morning. He further stated that widening the bridge is an important improvement for future safety and mobility. He wanted to make sure that safety must be a priority.

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

- Other items of interest

  No report. Mr. Ken Bernstein was on vacation.

- 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 on what she has learned through the process on serving this Board, and on next steps with the Board's project.

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

Three Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artworks were presented to the Commission: The Courtyard Apartments (HCM No. 801), Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society Sanctuary ("The Onion", HCM No. 975), and C. C. Ganahl House (HCM No. 1012).

3) Approval of Minutes of Meetings:

- November 4, 2010 (Corrected)
- October 6 & 20, 2011, November 3 & 17, 2011, December 1 & 15, 2011
- January 19, 2012, February 2, 2012, March 1, 2012, April 5 & 19, 2012, June 7 & 21, 2012

Above Minutes of Meetings, (except March 1, 2012 and June 7, 2012 minutes require some corrections as brought by Commissioner Kennard), were adopted by the Commission as moved by Commissioner Louie and seconded by Commissioner Barron.

B. Election of Officers

Election of Officers was postponed until the next regular meeting.

C. New Business

1) Advance Calendar

August 16, 2012 Regular Meeting is canceled
September 6, 2012 will be a Tour Only Meeting

2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

D. Commission Update on the 6th Street Viaduct Replacement Project – First Design Aesthetic Advisory Committee Meeting held July 10, 2012

Commissioner Kennard reported that she and Commissioner Louie attended the meeting held by the Bureau of Engineering and gave the highlights of the meeting as follows:

- Design Aesthetic Advisory panel was selected and all members were present.
- Bureau of Engineering (BOE) made a PowerPoint presentation on the plans for the bridge. Members of the Cultural Heritage Commission (Commission) were provided a copy of the hand-outs distributed by BOE during that meeting.

- Meeting was also attended by engineering consultants who will be submitting the design for the new bridge. Commissioner Kennard was hoping that all the comments received during this meeting be incorporated on the proposed design of the bridge.
- Several community members, including herself, Commissioner Louie, and a representative from L.A. Conservancy spoke to reiterate their strong desire that the new bridge complement the existing historical bridges that span the LA River going north.
- There will be another series of meeting and she was hoping to attend and that the Commission make a major presence to these meetings.

Commissioner Kennard also commented that since this is a historic bridge that will be demolished, which the Commission strongly opposed, she was also hoping that the proposed design, at least, be sensitive that this is not a stand-alone bridge and that BOE come before the Commission to present the proposed design for comment.

Commissioner Louie strongly supported Commissioner Kennard's statement that BOE make a presentation of the proposed design before the Commission.

Mr. Lambert Giessinger responded by saying that BOE staff were invited to this meeting today but no one was available to discuss this matter. He further stated that this item might be included in the second meeting of September.

3. PRESENTATION BY BUREAU OF ENGINEERING FOR PROPOSED WIDENING OF RIVERSIDE-ZOO DRIVE BRIDGE (HCM #910), CD 4

Mr. Giessinger introduced the agenda item and its speakers.

Bureau of Engineering Project Manager and two other speakers of the team made PowerPoint presentation on the background information of the Riverside-Zoo Drive Bridge and on the progress of the proposed design. Also discussed the project history which includes contributing elements such as arch beam, railings, pier detail, light standards and architectural design strategies.

Speakers answered questions of the Commission.

4. PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT AND PROPOSED REHABILITATION WORK FOR OAKRIDGE AND GROUNDS (HCM #484), 18650 DEVONSHIRE STREET, CD 12

Commission Review and Comment.

Mr. Giessinger introduced the agenda item and its speakers.

Mr. Robert Chattel of Chattel Architecture, Planning & Preservation Inc., who is the existing contractor of the project, and his associate, Mr. Shane Swerdlow, gave an overview of the subject property and a PowerPoint presentation featuring historic background, physical description, the assessment of significance, integrity, and conditions of character-defining features.

Other topics discussed were: Development History, Recommendations and Alternatives, and Conclusions and Next Steps for Oakridge rehabilitation. The team answered questions of the Commission.

5. **KITE COFFEE SHOP, 4000 W. WASHINGTON, CHC-2012-1985-HCM, CD 10,**
Review of Historic-Cultural Application. Motion Required

Applicant: Mitzi March Mogul

Owner: Root 3 Corporation

Mr. Giessinger introduced the case.

Ms. Mitzi March Mogul made the PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and answered questions of the Commission.

Five speakers spoke in support of the nomination.

Commissioner Hamacher commented on the application submitted by the applicant. She suggested that the applicant elaborate on the architectural description of work when submitting application.

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 Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

6. **WEST BOULEVARD BRIDGE, CROSSING VENICE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 16TH PLACE AND VICTORIA PARK DRIVE, CHC-2012-XXXX-HCM, CD 10**
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Applicant: West Adams Heritage Association

Owner: City of Los Angeles

Preparers: Mitzi March Mogul

Mr. Jim Childs gave an overview of the case and Ms. Mitzi March Mogul gave a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and discussed the timeline of the bridge.

Seven speakers, including the Council District representative, expressed their support on 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 Kennard
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

7. **LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING (JOHN FERRARO BUILDING, 111 NO. HOPE STREET, CHC-2012-1944-HCM, CD 9**

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

Applicant: Office of Councilmember Jan Perry, Council District 9

Owner: City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power

Preparers: Los Angeles Conservancy Modern Committee
Flora Chou, Charles J. Fisher, Marcello Vavala

Mr. Giessinger presented the agenda item,

Mr. Charles Fisher made PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and gave reasons for designation.

Mr. Gary Wong, Assistant General Manager of the Department of Water and Power (DWP) was present and spoke in support of the designation.

One additional speaker also spoke in support of the designation.

Commissioner Louie stated that she is hoping to see part of the original architectural element of the fountain be reinstalled as a reminder of the whole context of the building. She also thanked Councilmember Perry for making a motion to consider the John Ferraro Building a Historic-Cultural Monument.

In response, Mr. Wong stated that during the remodeling process, DWP encountered some budget problems, in which the podium was not considered. However, the subject will be reconsidered in the future.

Commissioner Kennard made a comment on solar panel installed on the site. It was done in a way that it did not obscure the view of the building and that she is hoping that other projects in the future will be done the same way.

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 Louie
Seconded:	Commissioner Kennard
Ayes:	Commissioners Hamacher and Barron
Absent:	Commissioner Scott
Vote:	**4-0**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two speakers spoke regarding Community Redevelopment Agency matter,

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012

10. INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION*

No Tour Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Richard Barron, President

Fely C. Pingol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 12/6/12