

OFFICIAL
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, October 4, 2012
200 North Spring Street
Room 1010, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

MINUTES OF CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN **ACTION FORMAT**. COMPLETE DETAILS, **INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION**, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE HEARING RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. COPIES OF COMPACT DISC RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE WORLD WIDE WEB AT **<http://www.planning.lacity.org>**

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Richard Barron at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Gail Kennard, Roella Louie, and Oz Scott

Commissions Absent: Tara Hamacher

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/STAFF REPORT

A. Other items of interest

Mr. Ken Bernstein, Manager of Office of Historic Resources, updated the Commission on the following:

- City Planning has just released West Adams-Baldwin Hills Community Plan for public comment. It also includes number of Historic Preservation policies, the adoption of Hollywood Community Plan and the San Pedro Community Plan. Granada Hills-Knollwood and Sylmar Community Plans will be released next week;
- SurveyLA results, in a draft form, will be posted soon to get community reaction. A full update on the results will be reported by Janet Hansen at November 1st meeting.
- Involvement on the discussion of Venice Post Office with the Mayor's Office and the new buyer of the building
- Congratulated Commissioner Oz Scott for his reappointment to the Cultural Heritage Commission for the term ending June 30, 2017.

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein also reported on the following City Council approval:

Historic-Cultural Monument nominations for:

- Brown-Gorsline House; and
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, General Office Building (John Ferraro)

- California Aerospace Museum Resolution (California Register nomination)

2. **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Old Business

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

None

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

One Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) Plaque Artwork was presented to the Commission: The May Company Garage, HCM No. 1001.

- 3) Approval of Corrected Minutes of Meetings of March 1, 2012 and June 7, 2012

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

Vote: 4-0

B. Election of Officers

Election was postponed until there is a full Commission.

C. New Business

- 1) Advance Calendar

October 18, 2012 Meeting will be canceled
 November 1, 2012 Commissioner Scott will not be available
 December 20, 2012 Tentative date for Holiday luncheon
 and Commissioner Louie volunteered to handle
 the planning.

- 2) Commission Announcements/Requests

Commissioner Louie announced that Mr. Ken Bernstein will give a talk on historic preservation on October 9, 2012 for the Center for Early Education.

Commissioner Barron also made an announcement that the Boyle Hotel Apartments got awarded Project of the Year by the Southern California Association of the Non-Profit Housing (SCANPH)..

3. SHERWOOD HOUSE, 3435 AMESBURY ROAD, CHC-2012-2644-HCM, CD 4
Review of Historic-Cultural Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: Douglas Sinclair Winnie and Irene R. Derberi

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Mr. Edgar Garcia, Preservation Planner, introduced the case and gave Staff recommendation to take the property under consideration.

Mr. Charles J. Fisher, Owner's Representative, made a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property and gave reasons for designation.

Applicant/owner, Mr. Douglas Sinclair Winnie gave a brief statement regarding his 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 Scott
Seconded: Commissioner Louie
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

4. RIFKIN RESIDENCE, 6207 MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY, CHC-2012-2631-HCM, CD 4
Review of Historic-Cultural Application. Motion Required.

Applicant/Owner: Liad Mamikunian

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Fisher made PowerPoint presentation and gave reasons for designation of the subject 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 Kennard
Seconded: Commissioner Scott
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

5. LECHNER HOUSE, 11600 W. AMANDA DRIVE, CHC-2012-2629-HCM, CD 2
Review of Historic-Cultural Application. Motion Required

Applicant/Owner: Thomas Hall and Pam Shamshiri

Owner's
Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item.

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

Ms. Pam Shamshiri, applicant/owner, gave a brief statement about 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 Louie
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard
Ayes: Commissioners Scott and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

6. WEST BOULEVARD BRIDGE, CROSSING VENICE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 16TH PLACE AND VICTORIA PARK DRIVE, CHC-2012-XXXX-HCM, CD 10
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant: West Adams Heritage Association

Owner: City of Los Angeles

Preparer: Mitzi March Mogul

Mr. Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, introduced the agenda item and gave Staff recommendation to declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument and adopt its findings.

Mr. Garcia added that Bureau of Engineering is aware of the nomination but did not express their position.

Ms. Mitzi March Mogul made a brief presentation on the bridge and provided some few reminders of important points that qualifies the bridge for nomination. She also stated that it has the support of the community and the Council District Office.

Commissioner Louie stated for the record that she drove to the site and saw the property.

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 Barron

Ayes: Commissioners Kennard and Scott

Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

7. KITE COFFEE SHOP, 4000 W. WASHINGTON, CHC-2012-1985-HCM, CD 10,

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

Applicant: Mitzi March Mogul

Owner: Root 3 Corporation

Mr. Giessinger introduced the case; gave reasons for Staff recommendation not to declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and presented photographs of the subject building's exterior and interior via PowerPoint taken during the site visit on September 13, 2012.

Ms. Mitzi March Mogul, applicant, made PowerPoint presentation on the subject property.

Ms. Anna Marie Brooks testified in opposition of the designation and also made PowerPoint presentation on the original features and some changes made on the subject property. She also questioned and discussed the validity of the undated Historic-Cultural Monument application of the property as stated in her written report submitted to the Commission.

At this point, Commissioner Louie made a general comment to the speakers to keep their personal comment out of the testimony and just address the matter directly to the

issue. She also responded to the applicant's letter dated September 30, 2012 stating negative comments regarding the Staff Report.

Five additional speakers spoke in favor of the nomination and one speaker made a general comment.

The applicant responded to Commissioner Kennard's question as to why she did not include the other two establishments located in the same property. She said that she has no objection if the Commission include these two other establishments in their nomination.

The President closed the public hearing.

The 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; adopt revised findings.

Moved: Commissioner Barron
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard
Ayes: Commissioner Louie
Abstained: Commissioner Scott
Absent: Commissioner Hamacher

Vote: 4-0

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

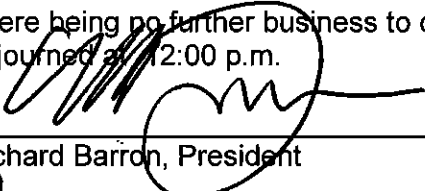
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9. **NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012**

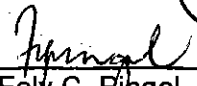
10. **INSPECTION TOUR/DISCUSSION***

No Tour Scheduled

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



Richard Barron, President



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Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 12/6/12