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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
Thursday, January 10, 2013
200 North Spring Street
Room 1010, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SPECIAL MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Commission President Richard Barron at 10:15 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

Mr. Ken Bernstein, Office of Historic Resources Manager, reported on the following updates:

- Approval of USC Specific Plan
- Planning Commission approval of Cornfield Arroyo Seco Specific Plan

B. Council/Committee Actions and Schedules

Mr. Bernstein announced the passing of television personality, Huell Howser, who meant So much to Los Angeles history and preservation.

2. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

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

Commissioner Louie reported that there will be a meeting before the end of the month to disseminate the plan.

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

None

B. New Business

1) Advance Calendar

April 17, 2013 meeting will be canceled.

2) Commission Announcements/Requests

None

3. **VINEGAR HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE PROPOSED EXPANSION, CPC-1999-0194-HPOZ-M1, CD 15.** Motion Required
Certification of establishment of boundaries for the area containing the existing Vinegar Hill HPOZ and the Vinegar Hill expansion area as a merged area 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; and amendment of the Vinegar Hill Preservation Plan, to include the addition of guidelines for commercial rehabilitation and infill development.

Mr. Bernstein introduced the agenda item and its speaker, Planning Assistant, Debbie Lawrence.

Ms. Lawrence gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the subject property including the following subjects:

- Existing Purpose
- Overview of the San Pedro Community Plan
- Existing Vinegar Hill Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ), its expansion context, Historic Resources Survey, contributing structures, contributor examples, contributing altered structures, non-contributing structures, Historic Resources Findings, etc.

Motion: Adopt Staff Recommendation dated January 10, 2013.

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

Vote: 4-0

4. **LAMAR JOHNSON RESIDENCE, 1515 N. TIGERTAIL ROAD, CD 11, CHC-2012-3530-HCM**
Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Owner: Julie S. Erwin

Prepared By: Anna Marie Brooks

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item

Mr. Anna Marie Brooks, representing the owner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the subject property including its historical background, and 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 Hamacher
Seconded: Commissioner Kennard
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote 4-0

5. 1513 FOREST KNOLL DRIVE RESIDENCE, 1513 FOREST KNOLL DRIVE, CD 4, CHC-2012-3499-HCM

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Owner: Paul Street

Prepared By: Sian Winship

Mr. Garcia briefly introduced the item and presented the staff recommendation to take the property into consideration.

Ms. Sian Winship. representing the owner, gave a PowerPoint presentation on 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 Louie
Seconded: Commissioner Hamacher
Ayes: Commissioners Kennard and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

6. RICE RESIDENCE, 12354 W. ROCHEDALE LANE, CD 11, CHC-2012-3512-HCM

Review of Historic-Cultural Monument Application. Motion Required

Owner: William Herd

Prepared By: Historic Preservation Partners

Mr. Garcia briefly introduced the agenda item and presented the Staff Recommendation to take the property into consideration.

A speaker representing Historic Preservation Partners gave a PowerPoint presentation on the background and significance 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 Hamacher
Ayes: Commissioners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

7. **JOHN ANSON FORD RESIDENCE, 1976 N. NORMANDIE AVENUE, CD 4, CHC-2012-2927-HCM**
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/ Owner: Fatima Robinson

Owner's Representative: Charles J. Fisher

Mr. Garcia introduced the case.

Mr. Charles J. Fisher made himself available for any Commission questions.

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: Commissoners Kennard and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

8. **COMMODORE APARTMENTS, 1830 N. CHEROKEE AVENUE, CD 13, CHC-2012-2929-HCM**
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Applicant/ Owner: Wilshire Skyline, Inc.

Owner's Representative: Historic Resources Group

Mr. Garcia introduced the agenda item, stated the Staff Recommendation not to declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Both the applicant/owner and his representative testified for the nomination/declaration of the subject property.

Some discussions ensued between the applicant/owner, his representative, and the Commission.

Motion: Not 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 Kennard
Ayes: Commissoners Louie and Barron
Absent: Commissioner Scott

Vote: 4-0

9. STEWART FARMHOUSE, 511 WEST 31ST STREET, CD 9, CHC-2012-2953-HCM
Determination of Monument Status after Inspection. Motion Required
CEQA Review: Categorical Exemption

Owner: 31st & Fig Development LLC (Aurora Vitar)

Applicant: Laura Meyers

Mr. Garcia introduced the case and gave the Staff Recommendation to declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument.

Ms. Laura Meyers, applicant, gave new additional information on the subject property.

Two other speakers spoke in support of the declaration.

Mr. Jim Childs, a former HPOZ Board Member, spoke on the proposed relocation plan of the property.

The Council District representative also spoke in regards of the proposed relocation plan. She Indicated that the Councilmember is asking the Commission to approve a designation that Would allow for the relocation of the property without delay.

Mr. Giessinger responded that the proposed plan has not been submitted yet to City Planning.

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

Vote: 4-0

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Childs thanked the University Park HPOZ Board, the developers and contractors who have just finished a rehabilitation and restoration project of a park.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013

12. INSPECTION TOUR*/DISCUSSION

a) UNION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, 760 S. Hill street, CD 14

b) HOTEL STOWELL, 416 S. Spring, CD 14

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

Richard Barron, President

Fely C. Pingol, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

Adopted: 8-1-13