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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
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200 North Spring Street, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN ACTION FORMAT. COMPLETE DETAILS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION, RELATING TO EACH ITEM ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUDIO RECORDING FOR THIS MEETING. COPIES OF COMPACT DISC RECORDINGS ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING CENTRAL PUBLICATIONS, AT (213) 978-1255 AND ARE ALSO ACCESSIBLE ONLINE AT planning.lacity.org.

Commissioner Barron called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. with Commissioners Kennard, Buelna and Milofsky present.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Architect, and Melissa Jones, Planning Assistant with the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant, Jason Wong, Senior Administrative Clerk and Rocky Wiles, Commission Office Manager.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner updated the Commission on various items of interest related to the Planning Department.

ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

1. There was no update on the Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board.
2. The Commission reviewed and concurred on the following proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork:
 - 221 St. Andrews Place Residence, HCM #1108
 - Ortiz Taylor House, HCM #1144

B. New Business

1. Advance Calendar – There were no planned absences announced.
2. Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no announcements or requests from the Commission.
3. Lambert Giessinger, requested that the Commission appoint a subcommittee to reconsider a previously declined nomination for the Edward A.D. Christopher

Residence in Studio City located at 11015 Aqua Vista Street. Commissioners Kennard and Barron agreed to be on that subcommittee.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by any Neighborhood Council representative.

Lambert Giessinger announced that at the request of the property owner, for Item No. 7 concerning the Arcady Apartments, located at 2615-2627 West Wilshire Boulevard/622-630 South Rampart Boulevard, Case No. CHC-2017-2795-MAEX, the matter is withdrawn and no further action is required at this time.

ITEM NO. 4

432 SOUTH ARDEN BOULEVARD (CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE)

CHC-2017-2792-MAEX
Council District 4 - Ryu

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Pickhardt, owner's representative; Robert Chattel and Nels Youngborg, Chattel Incorporated, representing the Office of Historic Resources.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to approve the exemption from limitation of eligibility for the Mills Act Historical Property Contract for 432 South Arden Boulevard (Contributor to the Windsor Square Historic Preservation Overlay Zone), and put forth the following actions:

1. Find that the property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption;
2. Approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit; and
3. Adopt the Staff Report Findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barron and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Milofsky

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

221 SOUTH NORTON AVENUE (CONTRIBUTOR TO THE WINDSOR SQUARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE)

CHC-2017-2793-MAEX
Council District 4 -- Ryu

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Asbell and Lucy Kagan, owners; Vanessa Withers, owner's representative; Robert Chattel and Nels Youngborg, Chattel Incorporated, representing the Office of Historic Resources.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky moved to approve the exemption from limitation of eligibility for the Mills Act Historical Property Contract for 221 South Norton Avenue (Contributor to the Windsor Square Historic Preservation Overlay Zone), and put forth the following actions:

1. Find that the property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption;
2. Approve the property for exemption from the valuation limit; and
3. Adopt the Staff Report Findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kennard

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

MONUMENT: JARDINETTE APARTMENTS, HCM #390

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5128 West Marathon Street

CHC-2017-2794-MAEX
Council District: 13 - O'Farrell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Lamprecht, Modern Resources Research Rehabilitation and Restoration; Corey Miller, June Street Architecture; Robert Chattel and Nels Youngborg, Chattel Incorporated, representing the Office of Historic Resources

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky moved to approve the rehabilitation project as proposed and the exemption from limitation of eligibility for the Mills Act Historical Property Contract for the Jardinette Apartments, HCM #390, and put forth the following actions:

1. Find the above-listed property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption;
2. Approve the above-listed property for exemption from the valuation limit; and
3. Adopt the Staff Report Findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kennard

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

The Commission recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 12:55 p.m. with all Commissioners present. Item No. 8 was taken out of order.

ITEM NO. 8

MONUMENT NAME: SACHS APARTMENTS, HCM #1118

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1826-1830 ¾ North Lucile Avenue;
1807-1817 North Edgecliffe Drive

CHC-2017-2796-MAEX
Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

IN ATTENDANCE:

John LoCascio, Historic Resources Group and Scott Strumwasser, owner's representatives; Paul Finegold, owner; Robert Chattel and Nels Youngborg, Chattel Incorporated, representing the Office of Historic Resources

MOTION:

Commissioner Buelna moved to approve the rehabilitation project as proposed and the exemption from limitation of the Mills Act Historical Property Contract for the Sachs Apartments, and put forth the following actions;

1. Find the above-listed property meets the stated conditions for valuation exemption;
2. Approve the above-listed property for exemption from the valuation limit; and
3. Adopt the Staff Report Findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milofsky, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Buelna
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Barron, Kennard

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER BUILDING**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6709-6713 ½ West Sunset Boulevard

CHC-2017-2032-HCM

ENV-2017-2033-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeffrey Bissiri and Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, applicant; Charles Fisher, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Hollywood Reporter Building in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments:

1. Determine that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Determine that the property conforms to the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the Staff Report Findings as amended by the Commission.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barron, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard

Seconded: Barron

Ayes: Buelna

Nays: Milofsky

Vote: 3 - 1

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SCHAEFER HOUSE

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7806 North Jason Avenue

CHC-2017-2127-HCM

ENV-2017-2128

Council District: 12 – Englander

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Fisher, preparer

MOTION:

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the Schaefer House in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

1. Determine that the proposed designation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 19, Section 15308, Class 8 and Article 19, Section 15331, Class 31 of the State CEQA Guidelines;
2. Determine whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the Staff Report Findings.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barron
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Kennard, Milofsky

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 11

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **AIDLIN-REES APARTMENTS**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 106-108-1/2 South Kings Road

CHC-2017-2886-HCM
ENV-2017-2887-CE
Council District: 5 – Koretz

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steven Luftman, applicant;

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Aidlin-Rees Apartments under consideration as the information presented by the applicant warrants further investigation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barron, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Milofsky

Vote: 4 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 12

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Three speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

ADOPTED
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