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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
October 5, 2017
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 10:12 a.m. with Commissioners Buelna, Kanner, Kennard and Milofsky present.

The Commission welcomed the newest member Commissioner Diane Kanner to the Cultural Heritage Commission.

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

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:
 - Bollman House, HCM No. 235 (Textile Block Construction)

B. New Business

1. Advance Calendar – There were no planned absences.
2. Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no announcement or requests from the Commission.

A subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Barron and Kennard reviewed the new Historic-Cultural Monument application for the previously-declined nomination of the Edward A.D. Christopher Residence located at 11015 West Aqua Vista Street and determined that there was not significant new information to substantiate consideration before the entire Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes - Commissioner Barron moved this item to the end of the agenda.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by any Neighborhood Council representative.

Commissioner Barron took Item No. 6 out of order.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: BENEFICIAL PLAZA AND LIBERTY PARK

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3700-3732 Wilshire Boulevard;
658-674 South Oxford Avenue;
651-673 South Serrano Avenue

CHC-2017-3695-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2017-3696-CE
Council District: 10 – Wesson

ATTENDANCE:

Annette van Duren, Friends of Save Liberty Park, applicant; Evanne St. Charles, Architectural Resources Group, Incorporated, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioners Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of the Beneficial Plaza and Liberty Park under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennard, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kanner

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron took Item No. 7 out of order.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **JOANNES BROTHERS COMPANY BUILDING**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 800 East Traction Avenue;
310 South Hewitt Street

CHC-2017-3688-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2017-3689-CE
Council District: 14 – Huizar

ATTENDANCE:

Laura Doerges, Clarett West, applicant; Teresa Grimes, preparer.

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Joannes Brothers Company Building under consideration and adopt staff findings with an amendment that the applicant work with Dorothy Wong and the community to expand the period of significance as the applicant determines necessary to include the artists and Japanese American influence associated with the cultural significance of the subject property.

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

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kanner, Milofsky

MOTION PASSED

The Commission took a brief recess at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. Roll call was taken and Commissioners Barron, Milofsky and Kanner were present. Commissioners Buelna and Kennard were excused from the meeting.

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT NAME: SEARS, ROEBUCK AND COMPANY MAIL ORDER BUILDING, HCM #788

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2650 East Olympic Boulevard; Council District 14 - Huizar
1400-1450 South Rio Vista Avenue;
2651-2675 East 12th Street

ATTENDANCE:

Robert Chattel, Historic Preservation Consultant, Chattel Incorporated.

The Commission provided no comment on the proposed rehabilitation project. There was no vote taken.

ITEM NO. 5

MONUMENT NAME: MAY COMPANY WILSHIRE, HCM #566

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6067 Wilshire Boulevard Council District: 4 – Ryu

ATTENDANCE:

John Fidler, John Fidler Preservation Technology Incorporated, owner's representative.

The Commission provided no comment on the proposed rehabilitation project. There was no vote taken.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: A. MAXSON SMITH HOUSE

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 214 South Westmoreland Avenue **CHC-2017-3729-HCM**
CEQA: ENV-2017-3732- CE
Council District: 13 – O' Farrell

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Gahng, Jr., owner; Pam O'Conner, owner's representative; Yael Lipschutz, applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of A. Maxson Smith House under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanner and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Milofsky
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Barron
Absent: Buelna, Kennard

Vote: 3 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

The Commission took Item No. 3 under New Business—Approval of Minutes. The Commission recommended the meeting minutes be postponed to a future meeting. Commissioner Milofsky suggested more information be provided in the minutes.

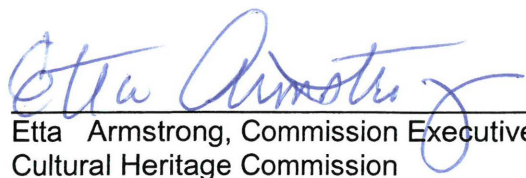
There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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