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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
September 20, 2018
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 10:08 a.m. with Commissioners, Kanner, Kennard and Milofsky present. Commissioner Buelna was absent.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones, Planning Assistant from the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant; Rafael Vega, Senior Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- As I indicated at our last meeting, I had the opportunity to travel to San Francisco last week to participate in the Climate Heritage Mobilization, an initiative being spearheaded by the State Office of Historic Preservation, looking at the intersection of climate change and cultural heritage. The gathering attracted a mix of historic preservation leaders as well as climate experts from around the nation and internationally. Since we have a very full agenda today, I'll defer to next time some observations on some of the key points raised during this event.
- I did want to remind the commissioners, as well as our attendees this morning of two upcoming public events we're hosting next month. I've previously mentioned to you our bi-annual Los Angeles Historic Neighborhoods Conference on Saturday, October 13th, co-sponsored by the Office of Historic Resources and the Los Angeles Conservancy. This year's conference will have a special focus on the intersection of housing issues and historic preservation. The event will take place at historic Lincoln High School and will conclude with walking tours of both Lincoln Heights and El Sereno.
- The OHR is also joining forces with APIHiP (Asian and Pacific Islanders in Historic Preservation) to host a community event on Saturday, October 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon around the completion of our five Asian American Historic Context Statements for SurveyLA. These reflected the history of the City's Japanese American, Chinese American, Korean American, Filipino, and Thai communities. The event will feature panelists and discussions with representatives of each of these communities and, we hope, spur further activity and HCM nominations capitalizing on this work. The event will take place at the Filipino Christian

Church on Union Avenue, an HCM that our office is nominating to the National Register as part of the work

- For Council and Committee actions, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee this week continued to future dates their consideration of two proposed HCMs: 1848 S. Gramercy Pl., the transitional Craftsman structure initiated by Council District 10, which had been recommended for denial by the Commission, and the Silver Lake Service Station.
- This week, the Council adopted a motion by Councilmember Paul Koretz initiating an HCM nomination for 132 N. Kings Road, a 1938 multi-family building in the French-Norman style.

Old Business

- There was no update on the Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board.
- There was no Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork to review.
- Advance calendar—Commissioner Kanner will be absent on October 4.

New Business

- There was no new business to report.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by the Neighborhood Council representative.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

APPOINTMENT OF VALERIE SEITZ AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE HOLLYWOOD GROVE-MELROSE HILL-WHITLEY HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2022.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Seitz

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to approve the appointment of Valerie Seitz as the Member-At-Large to the Hollywood Grove-Melrose Hill-Whitley Heights Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from September 20, 2018 to September 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanner and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: AGFA ANSCO CORPORATION BUILDING

CHC-2018-3621-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-3622-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell
Last Day to Act: 10-02-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6424 West Santa Monica Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Duane, GPA Consulting, preparer; Amy Ablakat representing the Office of Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the AGFA Ansco Corporation 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 with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN-NEWS BUILDING

CHC-2018-3629-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-3630-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Last Day to Act: 10-02-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1545-1551 North Wilcox Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Heather Goers, Historic Resources Group, LLC, preparer; Amy Ablakat representing the Office of Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Hollywood Citizen-News 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 with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: TIMES MIRROR SQUARE

CHC-2018-3867-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-3868-CE

Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 - Huizar

Last Day to Act: 10-02-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 202-234 West 1st Street; 100-142 South Broadway;
121-147 South Spring Street; 205-221 West 2nd Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Spector, Onni Group, owner; Teresa Grimes and Emily Rinaldi, GPA Consulting, owner's representatives; Richard Schave, applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Times Mirror Square 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 with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the findings as amended by the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

The Commission took a brief recess at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE COMEDY UNION

CHC-2018-5097-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-5098-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 10 – Wesson Jr.
Date Deemed Complete: 08-30-18
Last Day to Act: 09-29-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5040 West Pico Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, applicant; Mary Ringhoff, Architectural Resources Group, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of The Comedy Union under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanner and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: 1110-1116 SOUTH ABBOT KINNEY BOULEVARD

CHC-2018-5071-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-5072-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Date Deemed Complete: 08-29-18

Last Day to Act: 09-28-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1110-1116 South Abbot Kinney Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Melvin and Sherie Scheer, Friends of 1110-1116 South Abbott Kinney Boulevard, applicants; Jeff Gray, owner representative; Reem Baroody, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of 1110-1116 South Abbott Kinney Boulevard 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, Kennard
Absent: Buelna

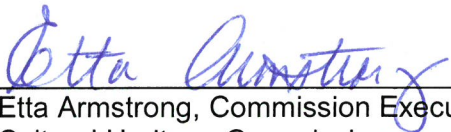
Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Richard Barron, President
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Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I
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