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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
October 4, 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 10:25 a.m. with Commissioners Kennard, and Milofsky present. Commissioners Buelna and Kanner were 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; Lucy Atwood, 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:

- There has been a significant fire this morning at the historic Pierce Brothers Mortuary complex in the University Park HPOZ. We're trying to get more information on the fire and the status of the buildings and can report back at the next meeting.
- I wanted to remind the commissioners, as well as our attendees this morning, of two upcoming public events the next two Saturdays: 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.
- And this Saturday the OHR is 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.

- The City Council yesterday received and filed the nomination for 1848 S. Gramercy Pl., the transitional Craftsman structure initiated by Council District 10. That action had the effect of a denial, since the last day for the Council to act was yesterday.
- And finally, I did want to report back on the Climate Heritage Mobilization conference I attended last month in San Francisco, addressing the intersection of cultural heritage issues and climate change. Some of the key themes were the following:
 - Cultural heritage threats are no longer only demolition and the bulldozer, but climate forces
 - Preserving existing buildings is key to reduce carbon emissions
 - Buildings are responsible for 70% of greenhouse gases
 - 1% of buildings are responsible for 24% of emissions
 - 80-90% of our buildings will still exist in 2050
 - Other cities are considering moving toward mandatory retrofit policies
 - Need to find “sweet spot” – moving buildings closer to “net zero” without damaging historic character

Old Business

- There was no Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork to review.

New Business

- Commission Announcements/Requests – After reviewing the current Historic-Cultural Monument application for the previously-declined nomination of the Commodore Apartments located at 1830-1832 North Cherokee Avenue, on behalf of the appointed subcommittee Commissioners Milofsky and Kanner determined that there was substantial new information and the building had undergone some subsequent rehabilitation meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, and recommended that the application be scheduled on a future Cultural Heritage Commission agenda.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by the Neighborhood Council representative.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Four speakers addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: ABERDEEN HOUSE

CHC-2018-4019-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-4020-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Last Day to Act: 10-16-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2640-2656 North Aberdeen Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Vanessa Withers, Historic Preservation Partners, preparer

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Aberdeen 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 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 Barron and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: WALLACE BEERY'S HOLLYWOOD HIDEAWAY

CHC-2018-4252-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-4253-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 5 – Koretz

Last Day to Act: 10-30-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 947 North Martel Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles J. Fisher and Steven Luftman, applicants.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Wallace Beery's Hollywood Hiway 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 Barron and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: A.P. CARTER RESIDENCE

[CHC-2018-5298-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2018-5299-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu
Deemed Complete: 09-11-18
Last Day to Act: 10-11-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5020 Ambrose Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sherry D. Klein, owner/applicant; Anna Marie Brooks, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the A.P. Carter Residence 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
Ayes: Barron
Absent: Buelna, Kanner

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HENRY M. JONES HOUSE

CHC-2018-5296-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-5297-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 4 – Ryu
Deemed Complete: 09-11-18
Last Day to Act: 10-11-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 120 South Wilton Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah S. Bynum, Trustee of the Bynum Trust, owner/applicant; Vanessa Withers, Historic Preservation Partners, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky moved to adopt the staff recommendation and not take the proposed designation of the Henry M. Jones House under consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennard, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VENICE

CHC-2018-5305-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-5306-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Deemed Complete: 09-11-18

Last Day to Act: 10-11-18

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 671-685 East Westminster Avenue;
686-688 East Westminster Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elisa Paster, Glaser Weil, and Katie Horak, Architectural Resources Group, owner representatives; Margaret Malloy, preparer; Juliet Oh, City Planner representing the Department of City Planning.

MOTION:

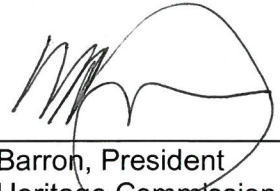
Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the First Baptist Church of Venice under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milofsky, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 - 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

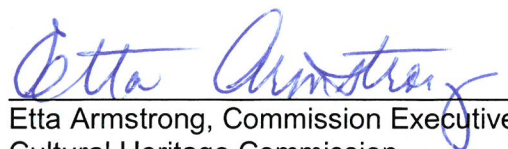


Richard Barron, President
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