

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2019
200 North Spring Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commission President Richard Barron called the regular meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Pilar Buelna, Diane Kanner and Barry Milofsky in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate representing the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II and Rafael Vega, Senior Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- A fire damaged Maverick’s Flat, Historic-Cultural Monument #679, located on Crenshaw Boulevard. Maverick’s Flat was designated in 2000 for its significance as the preeminent music venue in Los Angeles for soul, R & B and jazz, featuring the Temptations on its opening night and showcasing acts including Earth Wind and Fire, Ike and Tina Turner, and the Commodores. A Fire Department investigation indicates that the fire was caused by arson – an incendiary device left in a mailbox. The building is not red-tagged, so the damage may be repairable. Councilmember Harris-Dawson’s office has been notified and the Office of Historic Resources will be following up with them and other City agencies in the coming days.
- Governor Newsom last week signed SB 451, which establishes California’s first State Historic Tax Credit, providing an additional incentive for rehabilitation of properties listed in the National or California Registers. The bill provides for a 20 percent rehabilitation credit, with a 5 percent bonus for certain projects, including affordable housing or Transit-Oriented Development Areas. Unlike the Federal credit, the state credit may be used for not only income producing properties, but also owner occupied residences. An annual cap of \$50 million was established for the program, with \$10 million set aside for residential project and smaller projects valued under \$1 million. The bill becomes effective in January 2021, to provide time to set up the administrative provisions for the new program, and currently sunsets five years later. But this is an important legislative achievement spearheaded by the California Preservation Foundation, as California joins 35 other states that already have a state tax credit.

- A panel at PastForward, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual National Preservation Conference, addressed the topic of "Climate Heritage" – the intersection of climate change and cultural heritage. Ken Bernstein was joined on the panel by counterparts from the cities of San Antonio and Boston. He spoke this week at a Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) event on Preserving Cultural Neighborhood Gems in Los Angeles.
- Last Saturday, Commissioner Kennard gave a presentation at Docomomo SoCal's event, "Under/Represented: A Conversation About Diversity in Modernism."
- Last week, the City Council gave final approval to four new Historic-Cultural Monuments: the two Gateway Chateau buildings on Orange Street, the Parry Residence on Camarosa Drive in Pacific Palisades, and the Miller Residence in Los Feliz. The New Temple Missionary Baptist Church was recommended for final approval by the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee, and is scheduled for final Council action next week.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork.
- There were no plaque artworks to present.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no additions to the calendar.
- There were no Commission Announcements/Request.
- Approval of the Minutes – The Minutes of Meeting for July 18, 2019, August 1, 2019 and September 5, 2019 were continued indefinitely.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

APPOINTMENT OF TERESA FULLER AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE EL SERENO-LINCOLN HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM OCTOBER 17, 2019 UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 2023.

Commissioner Kanner moved to appoint Teresa Fuller as the Member-at-Large to the El Sereno-Lincoln Heights HPOZ Board. Commissioner Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDRA MADSEN AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE HIGHLAND PARK-GARVANZA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM OCTOBER 17, 2019 UNTIL OCTOBER 17, 2023.

Commissioner Buelna moved to appoint Alexandra Madsen as the Member-at-Large to the Highland Park-Garvanza HPOZ Board. Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

SURVEYLA FINAL PROJECT UPDATE: CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT AND HISTORICPLACESLA

Overview and Final project update and presentation on SurveyLA and HistoricPlacesLA.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Janet Hansen, Deputy Manager, Office of Historic Resources; Sara Delgadillo Cruz, Planning Assistant, Office of Historic Resources; Nick Maricich, Director of Planning Policy and Development and Laura Krawczyk, Manager, Planning and Development representing the Office of the Mayor; Dan Prosser, Preservation Architect and Historian

Commission President Barron recused himself from Item No. 7. He recessed the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and exited the room. Commission Vice President Kennard reconvened the meeting at 11:34 a.m. with Commissioners Buelna, Kanner and Milofsky in attendance.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MONDAY WOMEN'S CLUB

[CHC-2019-4355-HCM](#)

Council District: 11 – Bonin

CEQA: ENV-2019-4356-CE

Plan Area: Venice

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1209 South 6th Avenue; 566 East San Juan Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Kaplan and David Ewing, Preparers

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Monday Women's Club 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 LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commission President Barron rejoined the meeting with Commissioners Buelna, Kanner, Kennard and Milofsky in attendance.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD ART CENTER SCHOOL

[CHC-2019-4608-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2019-4609-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2025-2027 North Highland Avenue;
2000-2026 North Glencoe Way

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Curran, LA Preservation Consulting, Preparer

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Hollywood Art Center School 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;
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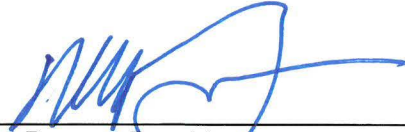
Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
Cultural Heritage Commission

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