

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID19, the Cultural Heritage Commission meeting was conducted telephonically.

Commission President Richard Barron called the regular meeting to order at 10:06 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; Kimberly Huangfu and Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorneys; James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; and Jennifer Edwards, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- City Planning’s staff responds to COVID19 by continuing to safely conduct business, largely from home;
- The City Planning Commission held a nearly seven-hour virtual meeting via Zoom. Other Planning Commissions are successfully using this platform also;
- HPOZ Board meetings will resume on the Zoom platform with 22 HPOZ Boards holding regular virtual meetings;
- Office of Historic Resources staff volunteer as Disaster Service Workers;
- Mayor Garcetti on April 17 issued a supplemental directive to allow for the continued tolling of time limits to act on cases during the state of emergency; and
- HCM nominations for Bothwell Ranch and the Chili Bowl have been continued by the City Council.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork. There was no artwork.

New Business

- Advance Calendar - There were no changes to the advance calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests - There were no announcements or requests.
- Approval of the Minutes – There were no minutes for consideration.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

Appointment of Chris Bensinger as the Member-At-Large to the Sunset-Spaulding Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a Four-Year Term from May 7, 2020 to May 7, 2024.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Bensinger

Commissioner Kennard moved to appoint Chris Bensinger as Member-At-Large to the Sunset-Spaulding HPOZ Board for a four-year term beginning May 7, 2020 and ending May 7, 2024.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

1110-1116 SOUTH ABBOT KINNEY BOULEVARD, HCM #1176

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1110-1116 South Abbot Kinney Boulevard

Commission Review and Comment on Proposed Rehabilitation Project.

This item was continued to the next meeting. No action was taken by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 6

EDINBURGH BUNGALOW COURT, HCM #1105

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 5 – Koretz

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 750-756 ½ North Edinburgh Avenue

Commission Review and Comment on Proposed Rehabilitation Project.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Barbano and Jamie Wolf, Owners/Applicants; Charlie Fisher, Historian 4 Hire, Owner's Representative; and Guy Cass, Architect

For information only. No action was taken by the Commission, other than to appoint a subcommittee consisting of Commission President Richard Barron and Commissioner Barry Milofsky to work closely with the applicant team to review the entire project for conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards

ITEM NO. 7

2656 KENWOOD AVENUE, Contributor to the Adams-Normandie Historic Preservation Overlay Zone

[CHC-2020-1386-MA-1A](#)

Council District: 8 – Harris-Dawson

Plan Area: South Los Angeles

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2656-2658-1/2 South Kenwood Avenue

Appeal of the Department staff's determination of ineligibility for a Mills Act Historical Property Contract.

The appeal was withdrawn by the applicant and the Commission took no action on the matter.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: KING EDWARD HOTEL

[CHC-2020-288-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-289-CE

Plan Area: Central City

Council District: 14 – Huizar

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 117-131 East 5th Street; 455 South Los Angeles Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kate Eggert, GEHPC, Preparer; and Stephen Gee, Author

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the King Edward Hotel 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;
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 Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: WOODMERE

[CHC-2020-1883-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-1884-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood-Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Bonin

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 420-430 South Bundy Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Mallory and Laura Meyers, Preparers; Brian Curran, Hollywood Heritage, Inc., Applicant; Judy Citrin, Owner; Todd Nielsen, Owner's Representative.

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of Woodmere under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

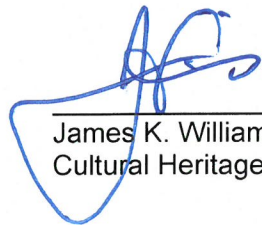
Vote: 3 – 2

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Richard Barron (Electronic Signature)

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



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

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COMMISSION OFFICE