

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, January 16, 2020
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 10:11 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioner Diane Kanner in attendance.

Commissioners Pilar Buelna and Barry Milofsky were absent.

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 and Diego Vazquez, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- Mills Act Public Workshop – January 8, 2020 at Barnsdall Park in Hollywood;
- New online application form;
- Senate Bill 33 will require local governments to determine if site of proposed housing development is a historic site at the time the application is deemed complete;
- The City Council approved the HCM nominations for the Kelly Music Building, the Hollywood Arts Center School and the Monday Women’s Club; and
- Council Member Jose Huizar introduced a motion for HCM initiation of the Desmond’s Department Store Building on Broadway.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork.
- Plaque Artwork was presented for the Hunter Ranch House.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – The February 20, 2020 meeting is tentatively canceled; April 16, 2020 is a holiday, so it has been requested to move the meeting to Friday April 17, 2020; also, the March 19, 2020 meeting will be canceled.
- Commission Announcements/Requests - There were no announcements or requests.
- Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Minutes of Meeting for July 18, 2019, August 1, 2019 and September 5, 2019

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

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Review and approval of draft letter to the Department of Building and Safety regarding the Weinberg Residence at 100 Delfern Drive.

Commissioner Kennard moved to approve the letter as written and have it sent to Building and Safety.

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

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

A board member of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Eight speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

APPOINTMENT OF JAMES MATSON AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE HANCOCK PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM JANUARY 16, 2020 UNTIL JANUARY 16, 2024.

Commissioner Kennard moved appoint James Matson as the Architect Member to the Hancock Park HPOZ from January 16, 2020 to January 16, 2024.

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

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

MONUMENT: SILVERLAKE AND IVANHOE RESERVOIRS, HCM #422

Plan Area: Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY LOCATION: Between West Silver Lake Drive and Silver Lake Boulevard, Van Pelt Place, Armstrong Avenue and Tesla Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Meghen Quinn, Landscape Architect, Hargreaves Associates; Emily Rinaldi and Teresa Grimes, GPA Consulting, Representatives; Cyril Charles, Bureau of Engineering

Informational Presentation on the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Master Plan.

For information only. The Commission took no action.

ITEM NO. 6

MONUMENT: VILLA ELAINE, HCM #675

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY LOCATION: 1237-1249 North Vine Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ben Ballentine, Ballentine Architects; and John LoCascio, Historic Resources Group

Informational Presentation and Commission Review and Comment on Proposed Rehabilitation Project.

For information only. The Commission took no action.

ITEM NO. 7

MONUMENT: WILSHIRE TOWER (A.K.A. DESMOND'S), HCM #332

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 4 – Ryu

PROPERTY LOCATION: 5500-5522 Wilshire Boulevard;
721 South Dunsmuir Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeffrey Miller, Architect, JM A+D

Informational Presentation on Proposed Seismic Rehabilitation Project.

For information only. The Commission took no action.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE JOHN LARY AND PAULINE KUHNS HOUSE

[CHC-2019-7535-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2019-7536-CE

Council District: 3 – Blumenfield

Plan Area: Canoga Park-Winnetka-
Woodland Hills-West Hills

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4359 North Camello Road

IN ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Lamprecht, Modern Resources, Preparer;

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the John Lary and Pauline Kuhns House under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: LA MIRADA GARDEN APARTMENTS

[CHC-2019-7546-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2019-7547-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5410-5414 ½ West La Mirada Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles J. Fisher, Historian 4 Hire; and Doug Haines, La Mirada Avenue Neighborhood Association

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the La Mirada Garden Apartments 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: Kanner
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Barron
Absent: Buelna, Milofsky

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SYCAMORE BUNGALOW COURT

CHC-2019-7556-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-7557-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 5 – Koretz

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 617-623 ½ North Sycamore Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steven Luftman, Preparer; Jordan Ferguson, Venable LLP, Owner's Representative; Alexis Hacker, Owner

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Sycamore Bungalow Court under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 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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