**Cultural Heritage Commission**
**Official Minutes**
**Thursday, December 17, 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 10:15 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, Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate representing the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II and Diego Vasquez, Commission Office Staff.

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**ITEM NO. 1**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- The Planning and Land Use Management C ommittee of City Council recommended approval of the Historic-Cultural Monument initiation for the Granada Theater in Wilmington and continued its consideration of the nomination for the Chili Bowl to February 4, 2021.

**Old Business**

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

- Commission Discussion on City Review Process for Hazardous Material Abatement Affecting Existing or Proposed Historic-Cultural Monuments. Frank Lara, Assistant Bureau Chief represented the LA Department of Building and Safety (LADBS).
    - The Commission requested staff to draft a letter to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee with recommendations in response to the LADBS report on penalties imposed for unpermitted remodels, additions, and demolition of buildings and structures, Council File 17-0226-S1.

**New Business**

- Advance Calendar - There were no changes to the advance calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests –

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**ITEM NO. 2**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**
The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council presented.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
One speaker addressed the Commission.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLMBY BUILDING**

**CHC-2020-5541-HCM**
CEQA: ENV-2020-5542-CE Council District: 5 – Koretz
Plan Area: Westwood

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 901 – 951 South Westwood Boulevard;
10904 – 10914 West Le Conte Avenue;
10903 – 10907 West Weyburn Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**
Heather Goers, Historic Resources Group, Preparer

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Holmby 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 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 Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

**Vote:** **5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 5**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT:** **LEONE'S CASTLE**

**CHC-2020-5215-HCM**
CEQA: ENV-2020-5216-CE Council District: 15 - Buscaino
Plan Area: San Pedro

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1055 – 1059 South Walker Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**
Jenna Snow, Preparer ; Joanne Adler, Owner

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include Leone's Castle 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: Kanner
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kennard, Milofsky

**Vote:** **5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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The meeting was recessed at 11:45 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. with the full Commission in attendance.

**ITEM NO. 6**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: SISTER MARY CORITA STUDIO**

**CHC-2020-5630-HCM**
CEQA: ENV-2020-5631-CE Council District: 13 – O'Farrell
Plan Area: Hollywood

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 5500 – 5518 West Franklin Avenue
1859 – 1863 North Western Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**
Kathryn Wollan, Preparer; Jenna Snow and Blake Megdal, Owner's Representatives; and Nellie Scott, Corita Art Center, Applicant

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Sister Mary Corita Studio 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 amended Findings of the Commission.

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

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

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

The meeting was recessed at 1:34 p.m. for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m. with the full Commission in attendance. Commissioner Buelna left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 7**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: TAIX FRENCH RESTAURANT**

**CHC-2020-5524-HCM**
CEQA: ENV-2020-5525-CE Council District: 13 – O'Farrell
Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1911 – 1929 West Sunset Boulevard;
1910 – 2018 West Reservoir Street

**IN ATTENDANCE:**
Charles Fisher, Historian 4 Hire, and Daniel Paul, Preparers; Annie Sperling, Silver Lake Heritage Trust, Applicant; Alla n Abshez, Loeb & Loeb LLP, Property Owner's Representative; and Mike Taix, Restaurant Owner

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include Taix French Restaurant 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 amended Findings of the Commission.

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

Moved: Kanner
Seconded: Milofsky
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 3:38 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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