

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 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, Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate Staff representing the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; 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:

- The Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Program held its 100th virtual HPOZ Board meeting via Zoom;
- LA City Planning will hold “Planning 101” training meetings for residents, Neighborhood Councils and other community-based organizations. There will be three sessions scheduled for the month of October covering the steps of development review, beginning with submission of a project through the approval of a building permit. In November there will be another three sessions on Community Planning. The signup for these meetings can be found on the LA City Planning website;
- The National Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its “Past Forward Conference” on October 27th through the 30th. It will be held online; and
- The Planned Land Use and Management Committee approved the Historic Monument nomination for the Sycamore Bungalow Court.

Old Business

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

New Business

- Commissioner Barron requested to create a subcommittee made up of Commissioner Kanner and Commissioner Milofsky to review a previously declined application for the Fairfax Theater Building.
- Advance Calendar - There were no changes to the advance calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests - There were no announcements or requests.
- Minutes of Meetings - January 16, 2020; February 6, 2020; February 20, 2020; and March 5, 2020

Commissioner Kanner moved to adopt the minutes of January 16, 2020; February 6, 2020; February 20, 2020; and March 5, 2020. Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council presented.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: PLEASANCE HOUSE

CHC-2020-3288-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-3289-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1336 – 1342 North Sutherland Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lambert Giessinger, Architect representing the Office of Historic Resources; Evanne St. Charles, Architectural Resources Group, Preparer representing Jason and Caitlin Slack, Owners

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: AVENEL COOPERATIVE HOUSING PROJECT

CHC-2020-3767-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-3768-CE

Council District: 4 - Raman

Plan Area: Hollywood

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2841 – 2849 North Avenel Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lambert Giessinger, Architect representing the Office of Historic Resources; Nels Youngborg, and Alvin Nuval, Chattel Inc. representing Julia Meltzer, HOA Board President, Avenel Condominium Association, Owner

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include Avenel Cooperative Housing Project 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: Kennard
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kanner, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: CENTRO DE ARTE PÚBLICO

[CHC-2020-5209-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-5210-CE
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5606 – 5607 North Figueroa Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lambert Giessinger, Architect representing the Office of Historic Resources; Alexandra Madsen, Highland Park Heritage Trust, Applicant representing Huntington Group LLC c/o William R. Vasquez, Owner; and Bill Cody, Field Deputy representing Council District 1

Commissioner Buelna moved to take the proposed designation of the Centro De Arte Público under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MECHICANO ART CENTER

[CHC-2020-5211-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-5213-CE
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5337 – 5341 North Figueroa Street; 110 North Avenue 54

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lambert Giessinger, Architect representing the Office of Historic Resources; Alexandra Madsen, Highland Park Heritage Trust, Applicant representing Orlando Cetina Sr. and Martha Cetina, Owners; Bill Cody, Field Deputy representing Council District 1

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of Mechicano Art Center under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 11:51 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:58 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOWARD HUGHES HEADQUARTERS

CHC-2020-5220-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-5221-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7000 West Romaine Street;
930 – 956 North Sycamore Avenue;
931 – 953 North Orange Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lambert Giessinger, Architect representing the Office of Historic Resources; Mary Ringhoff, Architectural Resources Group, Preparer; Steven Luftman and Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, Applicant; Lauren Chang, Sheppard Mullin LLP, representing 7000 Romaine Holdings LLC, c/o David M. Bass, Owner

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of Howard Hughes Headquarters 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: Milofsky
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: LEONE'S CASTLE

CHC-2020-5215-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-5216-CE

Plan Area: San Pedro

Council District: 15 – Buscaino

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1055 – 1059 South Walker Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lambert Giessinger, Architect representing the Office of Historic Resources; Jenna Snow, Preparer representing Joanne I. Adler, Trustee, Adler Trust, Owner

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of Leone's Castle under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

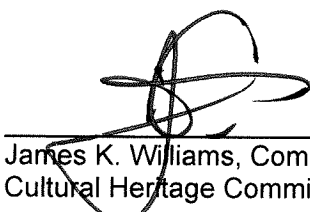
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 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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