

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, November 5, 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 10:05 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 Diego Vasquez, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- Congratulations on the LA Dodgers World Series Championship win. There is a proposed gondola project which would connect Union Station to Dodger Stadium; a Draft Environmental Impact Report was released last month This project has the potential to have at least some visual impacts on Historic-Cultural Monuments and we will intend to bring the project before the Cultural Heritage Commission for an informational briefing, likely in early 2021;
- There is a feasibility study underway for a proposed project led by Recreation and Parks for an aerial gondola to Griffith Park that is scheduled to be released early next year;
- LA City Planning is working with the Department of Transportation on City strategies around the broader issue of new technologies on air mobility, including advanced drone technology for goods delivery and possibly passenger service;
- The Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) recommended approval of the Historic-Cultural Monument nominations for the Jennie C. Brayton Building in Eagle Rock, the Borun House and Garden in Brentwood, and the King Edward Hotel in Downtown LA. The Committee continued the consideration of the Stires Staircase Bungalow Court nomination to a future meeting;
- PLUM approved the initiation of two new Historic-Cultural Monument nominations for the grouping of Palm Trees on March Avenue and the First Baptist Church of Venice; and
- The City Council approved the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Isherwood Bachardy Residence. The City Council also approved the execution of 19 Mills Act Historical Property Contracts.

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 – Commissioner Kanner requested an update on the Department of Building and Safety’s study regarding hazardous materials abatement. A discussion with Building and Safety will be placed on a future Commission agenda. Commissioner Barron requested an update on the Tokio Florist project. Commissioner Milofsky inquired about the site inspection for the Commission-initiated Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the Danziger Studio and Residence.
- There were no Meeting Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

Re-appointment of Shana Barghouti Mulkerin as the Member-at-Large to the Windsor Square Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a Second Four-Year Term from November 5, 2020 to November 5, 2024.

Commissioner Kennard moved to re-appoint Shana Barghouti Mulkerin as the Member-at-Large to the Windsor Square HPOZ. 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 Number 6 was taken out of order.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HATTERSCHEID RESIDENCE

[CHC-2020-4788-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-4789-CE

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Plan Area: Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 14535 West Killion Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Fisher, Preparer; Kasey Conley, Sapphos Environmental, Inc., representing the owner, Farbod Rezvani

Commissioner Milfosky put forth the actions below and moved to not designate the Hatterscheid Residence as an Historic-Cultural Monument.

1. Determine that the property does not conform with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7;
2. Recommend that the City Council not declare the subject property an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
3. 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. 5

Appointment of Kimbro Frutiger as the Member-at-Large to the El Sereno-Lincoln Heights Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a Four-Year Term from November 5, 2020 to November 5, 2024.

Commissioner Kennard moved to appoint Kimbro Frutiger as the Member-at-Large to the El Sereno-Lincoln Heights HPOZ. Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: NISHIYAMA RESIDENCE/OTOMISAN JAPANESE RESTAURANT

[CHC-2020-6022-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-6023-CE
Plan Area: Boyle Heights

Council District: 14 – de Leon

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2504 – 2508 East First Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

M. Rosalind Sagara, Los Angeles Conservancy, and Vivian Escalante, Boyle Heights Community Partners, Applicants; Charles Cummings, Sullivan, Workman & Dee LLP, Owner's Representative; Arturo Yoshimoto, Owner; and Judy Hayashi, Tenant and Restaurant Owner

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant 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, Buelna, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:50 a.m. with Commissioners Barron, Kanner, Kennard and Milofsky in attendance. Commissioner Buelna joined at 11:51 a.m.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: DION NEUTRA/REUNION HOUSE

CHC-2020-6018-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-6019-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2440 North Neutra Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Barbara Lamprecht, Modern Resources, Preparer; Dr. Raymond Neutra, President, Neutra Institute for Survival Through Design, Applicant

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Dion Neutra/Reunion House 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: Kanner
Seconded: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kennard, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE JOHN VAN PELT ESTATE

CHC-2020-6024-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-6025-CE

Council District: 4 – Ryu Plan

Area: Hollywood

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2131 – 2149 North Lyric Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Daniel Paul, Applicant; Mark MacCarley, MacCarley & Rosen, PLC, Attorney representing Rosaria Hornbeck, Owner

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of The John Van Pelt Estate 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: Milofsky
Seconded: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Kennard

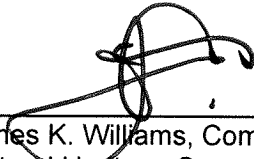
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:59 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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