

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, March 4, 2021
(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; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; and Jessa Ross, OHR Staff representing the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, 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:

- The Department of City Planning will be pausing the Mills Act Historical Property Contract program and will not be accepting new applications in 2021;
- On February 18, the City Planning Commission held a hearing on the Hollywood Community Plan, a significant milestone for the City’s Community Plan program. The accompanying Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) includes provisions for the review of and protection for designated and survey identified historic resources. The item was continued to its March 18, 2021 meeting;
- The Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) this week continued their consideration of the Historic-Cultural Monument nominations for the Chili Bowl in Mar Vista, Bothwell Ranch in Woodland Hills and the Morris Kight Residence in Westlake to the April 20, 2021 meeting. The continuance will allow for the discussion of preservation solutions for all three properties. The nomination for the International Institute of Los Angeles in Boyle Heights case was continued to the April 6, 2021 meeting;
- This week, the City Council denied the Historic-Cultural Monument application for the Stires Staircase Bungalow Court in Echo Park. And the Council granted final approval for the historic designation of the McKee General Contractor Branch Office in Atwater Village and the project entitlements for the Times Mirror Square Project at 1st and Broadway in Downtown Los Angeles; and
- The PLUM Committee and City Council have given their policy direction on a proposed ordinance to strengthen penalties for unpermitted demolition. The Commission had discussed this pending Council motion and provided recommendations via a letter prior to the PLUM Committee’s consideration of the matter. The Council action requested that the Department of Building and Safety and the City Attorney’s Office prepare an ordinance in coordination with

LA City Planning and gave several instructions as to the content of the ordinance. The Council supported the Commission's recommendation to enhance non-monetary penalties for unpermitted demolitions by requiring that the replacement project maintain the footprint, height, and square footage of the demolished structure with the exception of those properties zoned for multi-family housing, assuming that a percentage of units are set aside as covenanted affordable units.

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 requests.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT: SAKAI-KOZAWA RESIDENCE/TOKIO FLORIST AND POLE SIGN HCM #1198

Plan Area: Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2718 North Hyperion Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Breland and Peter Harper, Breland-Harper, and Teresa Grimes, Teresa Grimes Historic Preservation, representing the property owner, 2718 Hyperion Owner, LLC.

Informational presentation on the proposed rehabilitation project. No action was taken by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 5

MONUMENT: SHERATON TOWN HOUSE HOTEL, HCM #576

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Ridley-Thomas

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2955-2969 Wilshire Boulevard;
639 South Commonwealth Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dana Sayles, three6ixty, Carrie Chasteen, Sapphos Environmental, Inc., and Mark Lahmon, Lahmon Architects, representing the owner, 639 Commonwealth, LLC c/o Young Kim

For information only. No action was taken by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MEDWAY RESIDENCE

CHC-2021-1133-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2021-1135-CE

Council District: 10 – Ridley-Thomas

Plan Area: Wilshire

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 146 North Harvard Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Fisher, Preparer; Gregory S. Kay and Jodie Mendelson, Owners

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Medway Residence 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: Kanner
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

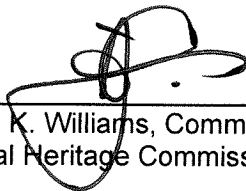
MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

March 4, 2021

Richard Barron (Electronic Signature)

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
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