

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 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 Diane Kanner and Barry Milofsky in attendance. Commissioner Pilar Buelna was absent.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, 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; Jennifer Edwards, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- Beginning in September the City Planning Department will accept online payments for project applications. Invoicing will be done via email with an option to securely pay online;
- The City Council yesterday approved the declaration for a Fiscal Emergency for the City of Los Angeles. This action will include mandatory work furloughs for most City employees and result in lower staffing levels;
- Council member Bob Blumenfield introduced a motion asking for a report back on a potential landmark tree program in the City to protect significant trees. The Office of Historic Resources already has a process that protects trees as Historic-Cultural Monuments. OHR will work with Urban Forestry on making recommendations for further protections and programs for landmark trees across the City; and
- The Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) temporarily moved their meetings to Thursdays at the same time as our Commission meetings. Today, they are considering three Historic-Cultural Monument nominations approved by the Cultural Heritage Commission including the The John Lary and Pauline Kuhns House, the Bonnet House, Desmond’s on Broadway as well as the re-appointment of Diane Kanner to the Cultural Heritage Commission. There will be an update on their decisions at the next meeting.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork.

- There was no Plaque Artwork presented.

New Business

- Advance Calendar - There were no changes to the advance calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests - There were no announcements or requests.
- Approval of the Minutes – June 18, 2020 and July 16, 2020

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the minutes. 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

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MORRIS KIGHT RESIDENCE

[CHC-2020-3322-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-3323-CE

Plan Area: Westlake

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1822 West 4th Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Delvac, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac LLP and Carrie Chasteen, Sapphos Environmental Inc. representing the Owner; Kate Eggert and Krisy Gosney, GEHPC, Preparers; Mary Ann Cherry, Biographer, on behalf of the Applicant

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Morris Kight Residence 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 an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SCHOOL OF EYE EDUCATION

[CHC-2020-3290-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-3291-CE
Plan Area: South Los Angeles

Council District: 10 – Wesson

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1554-1560 South St. Andrews Place;
2351-2371 West Venice Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Anne Marie Brooks, Applicant; Vicky Park, representing the Owner
Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the School of Eye Education 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 amended by the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

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:

Thelma Mericle, Bliss Park Heritage Association, Applicant; Charles J. Fisher, Preparer; Kasey Conley and Carrie Chasteen, Sapphos Environmental Inc. representing the owner;

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Hatterscheid 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, Kennard
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Barry Milofsky (Electronic Signature)

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission


James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
Cultural Heritage Commission

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