

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, October 21, 2021
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the Cultural Heritage Commission’s October 21, 2021 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Richard Barron, Pilar Buelna, and Diane Kanner 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 Micaela Torres-Gil, Planning Assistant, 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

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), and (e)(3)(A) and (B)(i), determination that COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission action.

Commissioner Kennard moved to adopt the resolution under which the Commission finds that holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Milofsky noted that the Great California ShakeOut (earthquake drill) will occur during the meeting. Participants are asked to duck, hold, and cover when the drill begins.

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- An update on the Los Angeles African American Historic Places Project which is a joint project between the Office of Historic Resources and the Getty Conservation Institute (GCI). The Project will work with local communities and cultural institutions to fully recognize and understand the African American experiences in Los Angeles. The work will include several components including preparation of Historic-Cultural Monument nominations for African American heritage sites, and to address broader cultural preservation strategies, including the preparation of cultural preservation strategies in three historically African American neighborhoods, updates to the Citywide African American Historic Context prepared for SurveyLA, and an examination of all of our City's existing historic preservation practices and processes through an anti-racist lens; Earlier this year, the Getty released a call for expressions of interest for consultants to lead the Project forward on behalf of the GCI and the Office of Historic Resources. After an extensive recruitment and interview process it was decided that the Getty would hire a full-time paid staff position. The job description has been posted. The application deadline is November 12, 2021;
- Next month, the National Trust for Historic Preservation is offering its Past Forward virtual conference. This is a great opportunity for the Commissioners to fulfill certified local government training obligations. There is also a training opportunity with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. Their Camp training begins this week and there are another two sessions next week; and
- Finally, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee had been scheduled to take up several historic nominations but this week's meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The nominations for the Fairfax Theater, the John and Myra Van Pelt Estate, the Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant, and the Crenshaw Women's Center will hold over to a future meeting.

Old Business

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

New Business

- Advance Calendar – Commissioner Kanner stated that she will be traveling during the November 4, 2021 meeting but she will attend via Zoom.
- Commission Announcements/Requests

- Minutes of Meeting for July 1, 2021

Commissioner Buelna moved to adopt the minutes of the July 1, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no Neighborhood Council representatives to address the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD FOREVER CEMETERY

[CHC-2021-7088-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-7089-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5970 – 6000 West Santa Monica Boulevard;
900 North Gower Street;
915 – 1001 North Van Ness Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Heather Goers, Historic Resources Group, Preparer; Tyler Cassity, Owner; Craig Bullock, Planning Director representing Council District 13

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the Hollywood Forever Cemetery 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.
4. Adopt the Findings of the staff report 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. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: FIRE STATION NO. 14

[CHC-2021-6169-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-6170-CE
Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles

Council District: 9 – Price

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3401 South Central Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Teresa Grimes, Teresa Grimes Historic Preservation, Applicant

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include Fire Station No. 14 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.
4. Adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: EDDIE “ROCHESTER” ANDERSON HOUSE

[CHC-2021-4678-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-4679-CE
Plan Area: South Los Angeles

Council District: 8 – Harris-Dawson

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1924-1932 West Rochester Circle

IN ATTENDANCE:

Teresa Grimes, Teresa Grimes Historic Preservation, Applicant

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Eddie “Rochester” Anderson 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.
4. Adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Milofsky recessed the meeting at 11:18 a.m. for a short break. He reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m. with Commissioners Barron, Buelna, Kanner, and Kennard in attendance.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: CANTAROW RESIDENCE

[CHC-2021-6267-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-6268-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1130 North Sunset Vale Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Oren Segal, Owner/Applicant

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the Cantarow 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.
4. Adopt the Findings of the staff report 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

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: KUROMI-ITO PROPERTY

[CHC-2021-6319-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-6320-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1991 North Alexandria Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Curran, Hollywood Heritage, Applicant; Carrie Chasteen, Sapphos Environmental Inc., and Brady McShane representing LA21A LLC, the Owner

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to **not** include the Kuromi-Ito Property in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

1. Determine that this property does not conform with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; and
2. Adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

PROPOSED MONUMENT: BANK OF AMERICA

[CHC-2021-6155-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-6156-CE
Plan Area: Central City North

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 842 – 858 North Broadway Avenue;
222 West College Street;
833 – 839 North New High Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rosalind Sagara, Los Angeles Conservancy, Applicant; Jenna Snow, Preparer

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the Bank of America 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.
4. Adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Barry Milofsky

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

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(Electronic Signature
on behalf of)

James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
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