

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2022
(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 February 17, 2022 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 Commissioner Richard Barron in attendance.

Commissioner Diane Kanner was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect; and Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, representing the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu and Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant; 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 (e)(3)(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: Milofsky
Absent: Buelna, Kanner

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, had several items of interest.

- LA City Planning's Urban Design Studio launched a new initiative to update the City's landscape ordinance as part of the Healthy Buildings, Healthy Places Program, which calls for developing healthy building design guidelines. We are looking to develop objective standards to address healthy building practices, landscape design, and site planning. We will be hosting three virtual public workshops on February 28, 2022, March 2, 2022, and March 10, 2022 (Spanish). Information will be posted on the Planning website.
- State Legislative Program – one item being advocated by City Council is the continued support of Zoom and other teleconference meetings, even after the state of emergency is lifted. These resolutions would be adopted in conjunction with AB 361.
- Last month, the State Historical Resources Commission gave its approval for a National Register nomination for the Carthay Neighborhoods, which includes the three existing HPOZs.
- City Council approved a "site of" only designation for the Crenshaw Women's Center based on the findings that the building has lost integrity. The designation means the existing building would not be protected, but the site would have Historic-Cultural Monument status. The Council also completed its reconsideration of the Taix French Restaurant Historic-Cultural Monument nomination. The reconsideration of that item came back after the Council rescinded its prior action due to pending litigation that alleged Brown Act violations at the original public hearing. That final action limits the designation to two exterior signs and the interior wooden bar top.
- This week, the Planning and Land Use Management committee recommended approval of council motion introduced by Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Council District 15, to initiate a Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Wilmington Post Office on Avalon Boulevard. That will go on to the full City Council, and once the motion is adopted, a nomination will be prepared for CHC's consideration.
- City Council gave its final approval to the HCM nominations for the Eddie "Rochester" Anderson House in South Los Angeles and the Paul Revere Williams House in the Exposition Park neighborhood where the legendary architect lived from 1921-1951.

Old Business

- There were no old businesses

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no requests from the Commissioners.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

No speakers addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

At approximately 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Pilar Buelna joined the zoom webinar/teleconference meeting.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were several speakers who addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

ITEM NO. 5

APPOINTMENT OF DEMETRIUS POHL AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE HARVARD HEIGHTS AND WESTERN HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2022 TO FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

IN ATTENDANCE: Demetrius Pohl

Commissioner Kennard moved to appoint Demetrius as the Member-At-Large to the Harvard Heights and Western Heights Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four-year term ending February 17, 2026.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THROOP HOUSE

[CHC-2021-8897-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-8898-CE
Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 14 – de León

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 902 North San Pascual Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charlie Fisher, Preparer; Jamie Tijerina, Highland Park Heritage Trust, Applicant

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the exterior of the Throop 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;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the exterior of the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
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: Barron
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Buelna, Milofsky
Absent: Kanner

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: OLIVER HOUSE

[CHC-2022-440-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-441-CE

Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2236 Micheltorena Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Noel Oliver Osheroff, Applicant and Owner

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Oliver House under consideration; and 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: Kennard, Milofsky
Absent: Kanner

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: QUEEN OF ELYSIAN HEIGHTS

CHC-2022-434-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2022-435-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2004 North Echo Park Avenue; 1553 West Ewing Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charlie Fisher, Preparer; Carol Cetrone, Silver Lake Heritage Trust, Applicant

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Queen of Elysian Heights under consideration; and 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: Barron
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Buelna, Milofsky
Absent: Kanner

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Barry Milofsky

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

Alice Inawat (Electronic Signature)

Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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