

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 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 March 3, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Richard Barron and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Commissioner Pilar Buelna was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate, and Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, representing the Office of Historic Resources; 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: Kanner, Milofsky
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- City's Housing Element Update: LA City Planning received notice last week of the State's request to see clarifying amendments to the City's recently adopted 2021 to 2029 Housing Element (also known as the Plan to House LA). The State asked for some additional information for certain work programs to be included to reflect specific milestones, timelines, and metrics before they would formally certify the Housing Element. The Plan to House Los Angeles is a very ambitious plan and aims to accommodate more housing than its prior iterations and has very ambitious policies to further affordable housing in the City. With the State's letter, our department leadership is having discussions with State officials and our own City leadership to focus on next steps.
- Westwood Village Specific Plan Update: This is a significant historic commercial district. Proposed amendments to the plan would help better support local neighborhood-serving businesses in Westwood and streamline the development review process. Westwood Village today has a vacancy rate exceeding 40% due in part to overly prescriptive uses and parking restrictions, making it difficult for new businesses to relocate to the area. The amendments to the specific plan will help facilitate a more balanced commercial mix in the area by eliminating some restrictions on certain types of uses in the neighborhood and help ease parking requirements. With the City Planning Commission's unanimous approval, this will go on to City Council.
- Last month, City Planning issued a memorandum that was co-authored by the City Housing Department and the Department of Building and Safety to provide guidance to applicants on SB 9. This is a State law that took effect January 1, 2022 to facilitate the subdivision of lots by single-family property owners. With this memo, most projects can proceed directly to the Department of Building and Safety for plan check, but for projects that are in a planning overlay, applicants are encouraged to meet with City Planning to consult on how those projects are compliant. Projects in designated historic districts, such as our Historic Preservation Overlay Zones or projects that affect designated landmarks, such as our Historic-Cultural Monuments may not utilize the provisions of SB 9.
- Council Committee Action: The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee recommended approval of the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.
- We welcome back, Melissa Jones, from family leave.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There was one item of interest from the Commissioners.
 - Commission Vice President Kennard indicated that she would like the Commission to initiate an Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Women's Christian Temperance Union building, located at 551 South Kingsley Drive. The Commission took no action on this item; it will be placed on an agenda for a future meeting.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

No speakers addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

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 MAUREEN TAMURI AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE VALLEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM MARCH 3, 2022 TO MARCH 3, 2026.

IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Tamuri

Commissioner Kanner moved to appoint Maureen Tamuri as the Member-At-Large to the Valley Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four-year term ending March 3, 2026.

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF ADRIENE BIONDO AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER OF THE VALLEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM MARCH 3, 2022 TO MARCH 3, 2026.

Commissioner Kanner moved to reappoint Adriene Biondo as the Member-At-Large to the Valley Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four-year term ending March 3, 2026.

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. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: LOREN MILLER RESIDENCE

[CHC-2022-786-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-787-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 647 North Micheltorena Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Teresa Grimes, Applicant

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Loren Miller Residence under consideration; and 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, Milofsky
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOFFMAN CANDY COMPANY

[CHC-2022-795-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-796-CE

Council District: 9 – Price Jr.

Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6600 South Avalon Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, Applicant; Lia Rubio; and Craig Hoffman

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Hoffman Candy Company under consideration; and 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: Barron
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Kennard, Milofsky
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

 (Electronic Signature)

Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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