

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, May 6, 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 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

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- The City Council gave its final approval for the Herrington Residence in Bel Air and the Holmby Building in Westwood; and
- The Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) recommended approval of the designations of the Selter Residence in Hollywood Hills, Leone’s Castle in San Pedro, and the International Institute of Los Angeles located in Boyle Heights. It continued the consideration of the nomination for the Chili Bowl in Mar Vista to the May 18, 2021 PLUM Committee meeting. PLUM considered the nomination for Taix Restaurant in Echo Park, and after a significant discussion, it adopted a recommendation by Council Member Mitch O’Farrell, Council District 13, that Taix Restaurant be designated as a Historic Cultural Monument under criterion one (only) for its significance to the broad cultural and social and economic history of the City and community along with additional qualifying language.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – Commissioner Milofsky plans to be absent from the August 5, 2021.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no requests.
- Minutes of Meeting for January 7, 2021 and February 4, 2021

Commissioner Kanner moved to adopt the Minutes of January 7, 2021 and February 4, 2021
Commissioner Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

Item No. 7 was taken out of order.

ITEM NO. 7

**PRESENTATION ON THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE CIVIC MEMORY WORKING GROUP**

For information only.

Representative: Christopher Hawthorne, Chief Design Officer, City of Los Angeles
Mayor's Office of Economic Development

The Commission returned to General Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork. There was no artwork.
- Referral by Commission Committee (Commissioners Kanner and Milofsky), following the March 18, 2021 meeting, to full Commission to determine whether any of the qualifying events, under Cultural Heritage Commission Rules and Operating Procedures Rule 8.3*, have occurred for the new Historic-Cultural Monument application for the previously-declined nomination of the Fairfax Theater (CHC-2010-520-HCM) located at 7901-7909 W. Beverly Boulevard, Council District 5. Motion Required. *Cultural Heritage Commission Rules and Operating Procedures Rule 8.3 provides, as follows: "A new application for a previously-declined nomination may not be placed on the agenda unless a Commission committee determines that one or both of the following events have occurred:
 - a. Substantial new historic information has been documented which makes the latest application materially different from the previous application.

- b. Subsequent architectural rehabilitation which meets the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation has been completed."

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Luftman, Presenter; Mary Ringhoff, Architectural Resources Group; William Delvac, Armbruster, Goldsmith and Delvac LLP; Teresa Grimes, GPA Consulting; and Debbi Dyner Harris, District Director representing Council District 5

Commissioner Milofsky moved that based upon new and substantially different information in the 2020 application, the Cultural Heritage Commission should move forward with taking the Fairfax Theater under consideration for Historic Cultural Monument status. Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m. for a break. The meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

ITEM NO. 4

PRESENTATION ON HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

For information only.

Representative: Craig Weber, Principal City Planner, Los Angeles City Planning

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 1:31 p.m. for a lunch break. The meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: POINT FERMIN LIGHT STATION

CHC-2020-513-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-514-CE
Plan Area: San Pedro

Council District: 15 – Buscaino
**Last Day to Act: 7-4-2020

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 807 West Paseo Del Mar
IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Heather, City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, Presenter

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the Point Fermin Light Station 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 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. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: DOLORES DEL RIO RESIDENCE

[CHC-2021-363-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-364-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

**Last Day to Act: 4-20-21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1903 North Outpost Drive; 1900 North El Cerrito Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Heather Goers, Historic Resources Group, Presenter

Commissioner Buelna put forth the actions below and moved to include the Dolores Del Rio 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 a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Richard Barron (Electronic Signature)

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

Alice Inawat (Electronic Signature
on behalf of)

James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
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