

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, June 3, 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; Lucy Atwater, 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 Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) recommended approval of the Dion Neutra Reunion House in Silver Lake. It continued the consideration of the Mechicano Art Center in Highland Park to the August 3, 2021 meeting. The Committee continued the consideration of the nominations of the Chili Bowl in Mar Vista and Bothwell Ranch in Woodland Hills to the June 15, PLUM Committee meeting;
- On May 19, 2021 the City Council gave final approval for the International Institute of Los Angeles in Boyle Heights, Leone’s Castle in San Pedro and the Selter Residence in Cahuenga Pass;
- The City Council took final action and approved the designation of Taix Restaurant in Echo Park as a partial designation. The Sister Mary Corita Studio was also approved for Historic Cultural Monument status; and
- The first meeting of the sub-committee on the Hollywood Community Plan Comments will meet and craft a letter to be transmitted to PLUM and City Council. The sub-committee on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) will meet soon and work with the Office of Historic Resources to draft objective standards. The sub-committee for the Link Union Station will schedule a tour of the station.

Old Business

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

New Business

- Advance Calendar – Commissioner Barron plans to be absent from the July 1, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Milofsky plans to be absent from the August 5, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Buelna plans to be absent on June 17, 2021.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – Commissioner Kennard requested to add a presentation on racial injustice by students from Occidental College to an upcoming agenda.
- Minutes of Meeting for October 15, 2020, December 3, 2020 and December 17, 2020

Commissioner Kanner moved to adopt the Minutes of October 15, 2020, December 3, 2020 and December 17, 2020. 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. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF VENICE

[**CHC-2020-4034-HCM**](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-4050-CE

Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Bonin

****Last Day to Act: 1-24-21**

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 671-685 East Westminster Avenue;
686-688 East Westminster Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Naomi Nightingale, Co-Applicant; Lee Polster, 1036 North Highland Management LLC, Owner; Councilmember Mike Bonin and Jason Douglas, Planning Deputy representing Council District 11

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the First Baptist Church of Venice 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

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOWARD HUGHES HEADQUARTERS

CHC-2020-5220-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-5221-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman
**Last Day to Act: 12-15-20

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7000 West Romaine Street;
930-956 North Sycamore Avenue;
931-953 North Orange Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Ringhoff, Architectural Resources Group, Presenter/Preparer; Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, Applicant; and David Bass, 7000 Romaine Holdings LLC, Owner

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Howard Hughes Headquarters 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 Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting for a break at 12:18 p.m. The meeting reconvened with the full Commission in attendance at 12:32 p.m.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: ATWATER BUNGALOWS

CHC-2020-7776-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-7777-CE

Plan Area: Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley

Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

**Last Day to Act: 06-05-21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1401-1435 West Avon Park Terrace;
1406 West Cerro Gordo Street;
2245-2247 North Park Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Schneeweis, Echo Park Historical Society, Applicant; John Wingler, Preparer; and Toby Atwater, Owner

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Atwater Bungalows 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 Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: FAIRFAX THEATER

[CHC-2021-3836-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-3838-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 – Koretz
**Last Day to Act: 06-06-21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7901-7909 West Beverly Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

William Delvac, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, LLP representing B&F Associates, Owner;
Steven Luftman, Preparer; and Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, Applicant

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Fairfax Theater 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: Kennard
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kanner

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:34 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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