

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, June 17, 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 10:04 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Diane Kanner and Barry Milofsky in attendance. Commissioner Pilar Buelna was absent.

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 Denise Otero, Commission Office Staff

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- Today, the City Planning Commission is hearing the Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan (DTLA 2040). It consolidates the Central City and Central City North Community Plans. A presentation before the Cultural Heritage Commission has been requested;
- The Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) recommended approval of the nominations for the Wycoff Residence in Venice, the Simpkins Residence in Tujunga and the Art A. Smith Courtyard Apartments in the Beverly-Fairfax neighborhood. PLUM also recommended approval of a motion by Councilmember Paul Krekorian to introduce the Historic Cultural Monument consideration for Oil Can Harry’s in Studio City. The PLUM Committee considered the Chili Bowl but unanimously declined the nomination based upon the recommendation of Councilmember Mike Bonin. The Committee continued the consideration of the nominations of Morris Kight Residence and Bothwell Ranch to the August 17, 2021 PLUM Committee meeting;
- On Tuesday, the City Council gave its approval to a memorandum of understanding and a grant acceptance of a grant with the Getty Conservation Institute to pursue the African-American Historic Places Project; and
- In response to Commissioner Kanner's question, Mr. Bernstein provided an update on the unpermitted demolition penalties ordinance. The proposed ordinance was heard by the PLUM Committee and it gave some initial instructions for the drafting of the ordinance and to consider enhanced monetary penalties and non-monetary penalties as a det

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 and Commissioner Milofsky plans to be absent from the August 5, 2021 meeting.
- 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 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. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDITH WYLE AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE COUNTRY CLUB PARK-WILSHIRE PARK-WINDSOR VILLAGE-OXFORD SQUARE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM JUNE 17, 2021 TO JUNE 17, 2025.

Commissioner Kennard moved to reappoint Judith Wyle as the Member-at-Large to the Country Club Park-Wilshire Park-Windsor Village-Oxford Square HPOZ for a term ending on June 17, 2025.

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. 5

APPOINTMENT OF MONICA RODRIGUEZ AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE JEFFERSON PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM JUNE 17, 2021 TO JUNE 17, 2025.

Commissioner Kennard moved to appoint Monica Rodriguez as the Architect Member to the Jefferson Park HPOZ for a term ending on June 17, 2025.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

I. MAGNIN & COMPANY BUILDING, HCM #534

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Ridley-Thomas

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3240 Wilshire Boulevard;
656-660 South New Hampshire Avenue

Informational Presentation on the Proposed Rehabilitation Project.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Teresa Grimes, Presenter; and Wil Carson, Architect, 64North Architecture

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: WATTS HAPPENING CULTURAL CENTER

[CHC-2021-2238-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-2239-CE
Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles

Council District: 15 – Buscaino
**Last Day to Act: 6-29-21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1827 East 103rd Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rita Cofield, Friends at Mafundi, Preparer

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Watts Happening Cultural Center 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 Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MEDWAY RESIDENCE

[CHC-2021-1133-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-1135-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Ridley-Thomas
**Last Day to Act: 7-17-21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 146 North Harvard Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles J. Fisher, Preparer; Gregory S. Kay, & Jodie A. Mendelson, Trustees, Kay Mendelson Trust, Owners

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include the Medway 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: Milofsky
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Barron
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: CRENSHAW WOMEN'S CENTER

CHC-2021-1448-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2021-1449-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Ridley Thomas
**Last Day to Act: 7-31-21

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1025-1029 South Crenshaw Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kate Eggert and Krissy Gosney, Gosney Eggert Historic Preservation Consultants, Applicants; Kasey Conley, Sapphos Environmental; and William Delvac, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac LLP representing Allen Park, Owner

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Crenshaw Women's Center 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 Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.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
Cultural Heritage Commission

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