

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, September 2, 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 Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Richard Barron, Pilar Buelna, and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate, representing the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, 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:

- Senate Bills SB-9 and SB-10 have been approved and sent to the Governor for signature. SB-9, referred to as the “Duplex Bill” or the “Lot Split Bill,” would allow for single-family zoned properties to be split into two lots allowing two units on each lot without a discretionary Planning approval. The final version of the bill includes an exemption prohibiting the use of the bill’s provisions for designated landmarks and historic districts, that includes an exemption for local historic districts, such as Historic Preservation Overlay Zones, as well as designated Historic-Cultural Monuments in the City of Los Angeles. SB-10 allows a local government to zone any parcel (including a single-family lot) to allow 10 units or less if it is an urban infill property or near public transit. That bill did not include an exemption for historic districts but unlike SB-9, SB-10 is not a mandate. It would allow cities, if they so choose, to utilize these provisions to up-zone properties. The Los Angeles City Council went on record in opposition to the passage of SB-10. The Office of Historic Resources will work closely with the City Planning Housing Policy team (provided the Governor signs the bills into law) prior to the bills taking effect on January 1, 2022 as the City puts into place new procedures to implement those new laws should they take effect; and
- The City Council has given its final approval to the Historic-Cultural Monument nominations for the Mechicano Art Center and the Centro de Arte Público in Highland Park.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork.

There was no artwork.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – Commission President Milofsky congratulated Ken Bernstein for being awarded the California Preservation Foundation's 2020 Preservation Design Award for Cultural Studies / Reports, and also inquired about the status of meeting minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Jean Frost, North Area Neighborhood Development Council, addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION - SURVEYLA CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT: L.A. MODERNISM, 1919-1980

IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Goodrich, Architectural Resources Group, Presenter

For information only. The Commission took no action.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: PAUL REVERE WILLIAMS HOUSE

[CHC-2021-6684-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-6685-CE
Plan Area: South Los Angeles
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1271 West 35th Street

Council District: 8 – Harris Dawson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Adrian Scott Fine, Los Angeles Conservancy, Applicant; Teresa Grimes, Teresa Grimes Historic Preservation, Preparer

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Paul Revere Williams House under consideration; and adopt the staff report findings.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Barry Milofsky (Electronic Signature)

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

Alice Inawat (Electronic Signature
on behalf of)

James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
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