

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2020
(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 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 and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate Staff 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 Mayor’s Civic Memory Working Group has been considering the memorialization, commemoration, interpretation and preservation of the complex history of Los Angeles in an effort to avoid erasure of significant aspects of our past with particular focus on addressing parts of LA’s history that are painful or contested; how to reassess existing civic monuments and memorials and how to better inform new installations of structures, memorials or creative works that interpret complicated aspects of the history of Los Angeles;
- Commissioner Gail Kennard will join Christopher Hawthorne, Chief Design Officer in the City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office of Economic Development, on a panel of working group members to discuss the work in more detail as part of the LA Times Festival of Books on October 29, 2020 online at the Festival of Books website;
- There are LA City Planning 101 online training meetings that focus on Project Planning and Development review. One meeting is tonight and the other will be held on Saturday;
- In November there will be three additional sessions on the Community Planning process and you may sign up for these on the LA City Planning website;
- October 27th through the 30th is the National Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference. This is a virtual conference; and
- The City Council gave its final approval to the Sycamore Bungalow Court for Historic-Cultural Monument status.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m. for the 2020 Great Shakeout earthquake drill. The meeting reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork. There were two plaque artworks for The Beverly Sycamore, Historic-Cultural Monument #945 and the F. and W. Grand Silver Store Building, Historic-Cultural Monument #1155. Both were approved by consent.

New Business

- Advance Calendar - There were no changes to the advance calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests - There were no announcements or requests.
- There were no Meeting Minutes.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council presented.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several speakers addressed the Commission.

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLMBY BUILDING

[CHC-2020-5541-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-5542-CE
Plan Area: Westwood

Council District: 5 – Koretz

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 901 – 951 South Westwood Boulevard;

10904 – 10914 West Le Conte Avenue;
10903 – 10907 West Weyburn Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

John LoCascio, Historic Resources Group, Preparer and Owner's Representative

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Holmby Building under consideration; and 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. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SEITER RESIDENCE

[CHC-2020-5538-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2020-5539-CE

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Plan Area: Sherman Oaks–Studio City–Toluca Lake–
Cahuenga Pass

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2924 North Montcalm Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Evanne St. Charles, Architectural Resources Group, Preparer

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Seiter Residence under consideration; and 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: TAIX FRENCH RESTAURANT

CHC-2020-5524-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-5525-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake–Echo Park–Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1911-1929 West Sunset Boulevard;
1910-2018 West Reservoir Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carole Cetrone, Silver Lake Heritage Trust, Applicant; Charles J. Fisher, Preparer; and Kathryn McGee, Property Owner’s Representative; and Mike Taix, Restaurant Owner

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Taix French Restaurant 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: Kanner
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 12:38 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SISTER MARY CORITA STUDIO

CHC-2020-5630-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2020-5631-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Hollywood

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5500 – 5518 West Franklin Avenue;
1859 – 1863 North Western Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathryn Wollan, Preparer; Nellie Scott, Corita Art Center, Applicant; Bill Delvac, Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac, LLP and Jenna Snow, Owners’ Representatives

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Sister Mary Corita Studio under consideration; and adopt staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

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

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

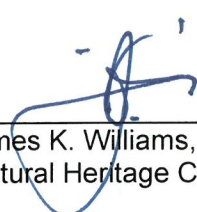
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Richard Barron (Electronic Signature)

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II
Cultural Heritage Commission

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