

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2022
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54953, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(3), and in light of the State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020 relating to COVID-19 and ongoing concerns that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or that the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person, the Cultural Heritage Commission’s March 17, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

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; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate, and Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, representing the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant; and Diego Vasquez, Commission Office Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), and (e)(3)(A) and (e)(3)(B)(i), determination that COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission action.

Commissioner Kanner moved to adopt the resolution under which the Commission finds that holding meetings in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, had one item of interest:

- Introduction of a new Office of Historic Resources staff member, Rita Cofield. She has been retained by the Getty Conservation Institute (GCI), as their chief staff member leading the Los Angeles African American Historic Places Project.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- The Commission reviewed a draft Letter from the Commission to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee regarding the Downtown Los Angeles Community Plan Update (DTLA 2040) and requested that the subcommittee meet with Planning staff to include additional recommendations. The item was continued to a future meeting date to be determined.
- The Cultural Heritage Commission initiated the proposed Historic-Cultural Monument designation for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, located at 551 South Kingsley Drive

Commission Vice President Kennard moved that the Cultural Heritage Commission initiate the nomination of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for Historic-Cultural Monument status, and directed the Office of Historic Resources to prepare application, report, and recommendation on the proposed designation.

Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
 - Commissioner Buelna may tentatively be absent for the April 7, 2022 meeting.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no requests from the Commissioners.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were several speakers who addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were several speakers who addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: A.C. TOBIAS RESIDENCE

[CHC-2021-10146-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-10147-CE

Council District: 8 – Harris-Dawson

Plan Area: South Los Angeles

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2915 – 2919 South Budlong Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Anna Marie Brooks, Preparer; and Antonio Guerrero, Owner

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the A.C. Tobias 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 whether 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 Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: WALKER'S CAFE

[CHC-2021-10727-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-10728-CE

Council District: 15 – Buscaino

Plan Area: San Pedro

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 West Paseo del Mar

IN ATTENDANCE:

Emma Rault, Preparer; and Ryan Ferguson on behalf of Council District 15, representing Councilmember Joe Buscaino

Commissioner Buelna put forth the actions below and moved to include the Walker's Cafe 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 whether 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 Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

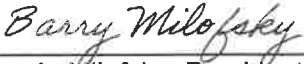
Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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 11:29 a.m.

 (Electronic Signature)

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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