

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, May 5, 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 May 5, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:01 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; Lucy Atwood, 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), a determination that the COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and possible Commission action.

Commission Vice President Kennard 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 Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, had several items of interest:

- May 4, 2022 saw the partial reopening of City Hall and City Hall East to the public. City Council resumed in-person meetings within the Council chambers; however, the Council is not continuing to enable virtual or phone-in public comment during their meetings at the present time. City Council committees, Commission meetings, and other City Department meetings subject to the Brown Act will continue, for the time being, to remain virtual as departments fine tune their options for potentially holding hybrid meetings.
- The Metro Downtown Development Services Center (DSC) has reopened as of April 25, 2022. It will provide limited on-site services to the public by appointment only. Appointments can be made using the City's development portal, the BuildLA System.
- The City of LA is continuing to require proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours to enter any of its public buildings, as well as well-fitted indoor masking requirements.
- Mayor Garcetti has released the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. It is currently being reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee of the City Council.
 - o There are no major changes in terms of budget for the Office of Historic Resources.
 - o The budget included a \$500,000 allocation to City Planning to create a Low-Rise Design Lab. This is meant to help create new prototype designs and design standards for projects that might be proposed under the new State Law SB 9 that could allow up to four units on single-family zoned properties. This budget allocation is meant to encourage work building on a low-rise design challenge sponsored by the Mayor's Office and Chief Design Officer Christopher Hawthorne last year. If approved by the City Council, the work will be overseen by the department's Urban Design Studio and the Housing Policy team. We will want to address potential historic resource issues.
- The full City Council has approved the Historic-Cultural Monument designation for Oil Can Harry's in Studio City, significant as a gathering place for the LGBTQ community in the San Fernando Valley.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were several announcements from the Commissioners.
 - May is Preservation Month.
 - Thank you to Jonathan Hagar who has been interning with the Office of Historic Resources. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Jonathan, who has completed his internship.
- Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2021; October 21, 2021; January 6, 2022; February 17, 2022; and March 3, 2022. Commissioner Kanner noted that she was absent for the February 17, 2022 meeting. Commission Vice President 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. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no 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

APPOINTMENT OF MARIKA SUNG AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE CARTHAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM MAY 5, 2022 TO MAY 5, 2026.

IN ATTENDANCE: Marika Sung

Commissioner Buelna moved to appoint Marika Sung as the Member-At-Large to the Carthay Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four-year term ending May 5, 2026.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MARSHALL-SETNAN BUILDING

[CHC-2022-1485-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-1486-CE

Council District: 15 – Buscaino

Plan Area: Wilmington – Harbor City

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 301 – 303 North Avalon Boulevard; 105 West C Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jonathan Hagar, Preparer / OHR Staff.

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the Marshall-Setnan Building 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 Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: OLIVER HOUSE

[CHC-2022-440-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-441-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2236 Micheltorena Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Noel Osherooff, Applicant / Owner.

Commission Vice President Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Oliver House 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 Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: LOREN MILLER RESIDENCE

[CHC-2022-786-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-787-CE

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 647 North Micheltorena Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Teresa Grimes, Applicant; Emily Rinaldi, Preparer; and Judge Robin Miller Sloan, Granddaughter of Loren Miller.

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include the Loren Miller 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.

Commission Vice President 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. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOFFMAN CANDY COMPANY

[CHC-2022-795-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-796-CE
Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles

Council District: 9 – Price Jr.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6600 South Avalon Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, Applicant.

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the Hoffman Candy Company 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 amended by the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Barry Milofsky (Electronic Signature)

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

Alice Inawat

Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
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