

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 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 June 2, 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, and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Also in attendance were Shannon Ryan, Senior 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 Vazquez, Commission Office Staff.

At approximately 10:04 Commissioner Buelna joined the zoom webinar/teleconference meeting.

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.

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.

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. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, had several items of interest:

- On Tuesday, May 31, 2022, the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee considered three Historic-Cultural Monument nominations: the Danziger Studio Residence, the Ozawa Boarding House/Obayashi Employment Agency, and the Joyce Boarding House/Ozawa Residence. The Committee recommended approval of all three as HCMs and they will move on to the full Council for consideration.
- The California Preservation Foundation is holding their annual conference from June 7, 2022 – June 12, 2022. This virtual conference is a great way to help fulfill your annual Commissioner training requirement for our Certified Local Government status.
- Los Angeles City Planning has recently hired 19 Planning Assistants to fill a number of vacant positions across the department. Damian Gatto, a former intern of OHR, has joined our Historic Preservation Overlay Zone unit.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- 60th Anniversary of the Cultural Heritage Commission subcommittee report: The Planning Department is in charge of the social media outreach and publicity. LA Cityview Channel 35, the municipal government TV channel, will do several segments on our Historic-Cultural Monuments. We have given them six structures to begin with, one for each decade of the Commission's existence. Those six landmarks are: the (1) Leonis Adobe which was the first landmark recognized in 1962 at the first meeting, located in Calabasas; (2) the Morgan House (Harbor Area YWCA), HCM #186 located in San Pedro; representing the 1980s, is HCM #312, the (3) Japanese Union Church of Los Angeles, which is today the East West Players location in Little Tokyo; HCM # 548, which is the (4) Korean Independence Memorial Building located near USC; HCM # 685, (5) Pascual Marquez Family Cemetery located in the Pacific Palisades; and HCM# 1000, (6) is the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company Home Office. The anniversary will be recognized virtually to allow access for past Commissioners to attend.
- Advance Calendar – There were changes to the Advance Calendar.
 - Commissioner Buelna will not be available for the June 16, 2022 meeting.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no announcements from the Commissioners.

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

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN

[CHC-2021-10737-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-10738-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1500 – 1518 North Vine Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Curran, Applicant; and Andrew Goodrich, Architectural Resources Group, and Spencer Kallick, Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP, and Rodney Johnson, JP Morgan Chase Bank, representing the Owner.

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the Hollywood Home Savings and Loan 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 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. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: CORNELIUS JOHNSON RESIDENCE AND OLYMPIC OAK

CHC-2022-3207-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2022-3208-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Wesson

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1156 South Hobart Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Anderson and Christian Kosmas Mayer, Applicants; and Bleu Kim, Owner.

Commission Vice President Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Cornelius Johnson Residence and Olympic Oak under consideration, and 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: 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 11:49 a.m.

 (Electronic Signature)

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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