

**Cultural Heritage Commission**

**Official Minutes**

**Thursday, August 4, 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 August 4, 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; Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant; and Diego Vazquez, Commission Office Staff.

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**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**

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**ITEM NO. 2**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

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

- City Council has returned from its July recess. The Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee this week unanimously recommended approval for two Historic-Cultural Monument nominations - Dr. Fong Q. and Lorraine Jing Residence in Mt. Washington and the Marshall-Setnan Building in Wilmington.
- A tribute to Vin Scully's 67 years as the exquisite voice of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

**Old Business**

- There was no old business.

**New Business**

- There was no new business.
- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There was one request from the Commissioners:
  - Commissioner Barron would like to explore the idea of having the press box at Dodger Stadium where Vin Scully announced games be made a Historic-Cultural Monument.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

There were no speakers who addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was one speaker who addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

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Commission President Milofsky called Item No. 7 out of order.

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**ITEM NO. 7**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: WHITSETT GARDEN APARTMENTS**

**CHC-2022-4983-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2022-4984-CE

Council District: 2 – Krekorian

Plan Area: North Hollywood – Valley Village

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 5505 – 5527 North Whitsett Avenue;  
12511 – 12515 West Albers Street

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kanner moved to continue the matter to a date certain of October 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 5**

**CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PRESENTATION**

**PRESENTERS:** Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioner Diane Kanner.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ileana Welch, Michael Woo, Adolfo Nodal, Tara Hamacher, Francesca Smith, Nels Youngborg, James Williams, and Mia Lehrer.

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At approximately 11:17 a.m. Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting. The meeting re-convened at 11:25 a.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard and Commissioners Barron, Buelna, and Kanner in attendance.

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**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

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1156 South Hobart Boulevard

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Susan Anderson and Christian Kosmas Mayer, Applicants; Simon Hong, Owner; and Hakeem Parke-Davis on behalf of Council District 10.

Commission Vice President Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Cornelius Johnson Residence and Olympic Oak 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: Kennard  
Seconded: Barron  
Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Milofsky

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 8**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: KUN HOUSE II**

[CHC-2022-4974-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-4975-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 7943 – 7947 West Fareholm Drive

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jon C. Hacker, Owner/Applicant; and Margarita Jerabek-Bray, Environmental Science Associates, Preparer.

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Kun House II under consideration, and 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: Kanner  
Seconded: Buelna  
Ayes: Barron, Kennard, Milofsky

**Vote: 5 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Barry A. Milofsky, President  
Cultural Heritage Commission

  
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Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant  
Cultural Heritage Commission

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