

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, August 18, 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 18, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Richard Barron and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Commissioner Pilar Buelna was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant; and Diego Vazquez, 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 Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- The Cornelius Johnson Residence and Olympic Oak Tree: We previously heard that the tree was in desperate condition. The property owner Bleu Kim has agreed to cooperate to help save the tree and give it appropriate care. Mr. Tim Thibault, arborist from the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, along with the Huntington's Chief Irrigation Specialist determined that they are able to install two irrigation lines at the northern and eastern property lines to provide appropriate irrigation for the tree to come back to health. Additionally, an arborist will be brought in to assist in addressing stressed trees. The City will not be engaged in acquisition of the property, but we encourage the nonprofit organizations who expressed interest to coordinate with Mr. Kim.
- Following up on public comment regarding repair work on Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) #535, the Hollywoodland's Historic Granite Retaining Walls and Stairs, in coordination with Public Works and the City Council Office, the replacement stairs completed by a private contractor were removed to allow the situation to be corrected. The contractor will be working on creating a mock-up of the proposed replacement stairs to look as close to the original stairs. There will be coordination with the Design Review Board for the Hollywoodland Specific Plan Area as well as other community members.
- Thank you to all of the Commissioners for making the celebration of the Commission's 60th anniversary such a success. LA City View Channel 35 highlighted several of our Historic-Cultural Monuments designated over the past 60 years. Since our last meeting, the two final videos have been posted, the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company Home Office, HCM #1000 with Commissioner Kannard, as well as Rudolph Schindler's Oliver House, HCM #1263 with Commissioner Milofsky. All of the videos can be found on YouTube for LA City Planning, Planning4LA.
- Last week, the City Council approved the HCM nominations for the Dr. Fong Q. and Lorraine Jing Residence in Mt. Washington and the Marshall-Setnan Building in Wilmington. The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee recommended approval this week for the nomination for Walker's Café in San Pedro. We are separately following up with Building and Safety on that property for unpermitted work that has taken place.
- The PLUM Committee gave its approval to the reappointment of Barry Milofsky to the Cultural Heritage Commission for an additional 5-year term. That will be proceeding to the City Council in the coming days.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.
- Advance Calendar – There are no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There was one request from the Commissioners:
 - Regarding Hollywoodland's Historic Granite Retaining Walls and Stairs, HCM #535, Commissioner Kanner has volunteered to be the subcommittee to work with the community to review the work to repair the stairs.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Several speakers addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

Commission President Milofsky called Item No. 8 out of order.

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MORRIS KIGHT MCCADDEN PLACE RESIDENCE

[CHC-2022-3605-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-3606-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1428 – 1430 North McCadden Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tal Kahana, owner

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to continue the matter to a future date to be determined. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barron and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

MONUMENT: CBS TELEVISION CITY, HCM #1167

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 – Koretz

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7800 – 7860 West Beverly Boulevard

Informational Presentation on the Proposed Rehabilitation Project.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Glodney, Hackman Capital Partners, Katie Horak, Architectural Resources Group, Peyton Hall, Historic Resources Group, Bob Hale, RIOS, and Omar Pulido and Lisa Trifiletti, Trifiletti Consulting, representing the Owner, Television City Studios LLC.

ITEM NO. 6

MONUMENT: CAPITOL TOWER AND ROOFTOP SIGN, HCM #857

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1740 – 1750 North Vine Street; 6236 West Yucca Street

Informational Presentation on the Proposed Seismic Rehabilitation Project.

IN ATTENDANCE:

John Lesak, Johanna Hauser, and James Mallery, Page & Turnbull, and Kristin Gonsar, Millennium Partners, representing the Owner, 1750 North Vine LLC.

At approximately 11:32 a.m. Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting. The meeting re-convened at 11:43 a.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard and Commissioners Barron and Kanner in attendance.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: 15526 PLUMMER STREET

[CHC-2022-3646-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-3647-CE

Council District: 7 – Rodriguez

Plan Area: Mission Hills – Panorama City – North Hills

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 15526 West Plummer Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Debora Masterson, North Hills Preservation Consortium, Applicant; Samantha Murray, South Environmental, Preparer; and Paola Bassignana on behalf of Council District 7, representing Councilmember Nury Martinez.

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include 15526 Plummer Street 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: Kanner
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Barron, Milofsky
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

 (Electronic Signature)

Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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