

**Cultural Heritage Commission**  
**Official Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 20, 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 January 20, 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, 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; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect; and Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, representing the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; and Diego Vasquez, Administrative Clerk.

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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.

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 Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

**Vote: 4 – 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:

- Senate Bill (SB) 8 took effect January 1, 2022. This law amends the Housing Crisis Act that was previously known as SB 330 that was approved back in 2019. That law included that if a city is going to determine that the site of a proposed housing development project is a historic site, the city must make that determination at the time that the housing development application is deemed complete. The new law extends the provisions of the Housing Crisis Act's end date from 2025 to 2030 and also changes the definition of what is considered a housing development project to include discretionary and ministerial by-right projects and housing projects that only include a single unit. Our office is working with the Development Services Centers, the Housing Policy Team, the Department of Building and Safety, and others to offer revised guidance to the public about the provision of the new law.
- Senate Bill (SB) 9 took effect January 1, 2022. This is often referred to as the Duplex Bill or the Lot Split Bill. It allows single-family properties to be split into two lots, allowing two units on each lot without a discretionary planning approval. The final version that was approved and signed by the Governor included an exemption for Historic-Cultural Monuments, designated landmarks, and historic districts, including historic districts approved at the local level, such as our Historic Preservation Overlay Zones.
- City Council is back in session after their holiday break. The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee this week made two recommendations that changed the recommendations of the Cultural Heritage Commission:
  - o Regarding the Crenshaw Women's Center nomination, the committee did not support the Commission's recommendation of approval as a Historic-Cultural Monument. It approved a partial designation based on a recommendation from Council District 10. The PLUM Committee recommended that it would only be a site of designation, but the designation would not confer protection upon the building. The Committee's determination was that the building had lost sufficient integrity.
  - o The Committee also took up a reconsideration of Taix Restaurant in Echo Park due to litigation concerning alleged Brown Act concerns at the initial public hearing. The PLUM committee took up the matter, reheard the item, and took additional testimony. They then recommended again the partial designation that had originally been approved by the City Council and recommended by Council District 13 that limited the designation of Taix to two exterior signs and the interior wooden bartop.
- Both the Crenshaw Women's Center and the Taix Restaurant nominations will proceed to full City Council. City Council this week did give its final approval, as recommended by the Commission, of the nomination for the John and Myra Van Pelt Estate and the Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant.

#### **Old Business**

- The Commission review and concurred with the Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork for the 1513 Forest Knoll Drive Residence, HCM #1040 and the J.J. Buck House, HCM #122.

#### **New Business**

- Advance Calendar – There was one update for the Advance Calendar.
- Commissioner Kanner will be absent for the February 17, 2022 meeting.

- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no requests from the Commissioners.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

Several speakers addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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**ITEM NO. 5**

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN HAMILTON AS THE AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE HARBOR (BANNING PARK AND VINEGAR HILL) HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM JANUARY 20, 2022 TO JANUARY 20, 2026.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** John Hamilton

Commissioner Kanner moved to appoint John Hamilton as the At-Large Member to the Harbor (Banning Park and Vinegar Hill) Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four-year term ending January 20, 2026.

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

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

**Vote: 4 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 6**

**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 and Katie Ahmanson, Hollywood Heritage, Applicants

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Hollywood Home Savings and Loan under consideration; and 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: Barron  
Seconded: Kennard  
Ayes: Kanner, Milofsky  
Absent: Buelna

**Vote: 4 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 7**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: WALKER'S CAFE**

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

CEQA: ENV-2021-10728-CE

Plan Area: San Pedro

Council District: 15 – Buscaino

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 700 West Paseo Del Mar

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Emma Rault, Preparer; Derek Brummett, Owner Representative; Ryan Ferguson, San Pedro Field Deputy, Council District 15

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Walker's Cafe under consideration; and 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: Kennard, Milofsky  
Absent: Buelna

**Vote: 4 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

  
Barry A. Milofsky, President  
Cultural Heritage Commission

  
James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II  
Cultural Heritage Commission

**ADOPTED**  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**JUL 20 2023**

**CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
COMMISSION OFFICE**