

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021
(VIA TELECONFERENCE)

MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION HEREIN ARE REPORTED IN ACTION FORMAT. THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION RELATED TO EACH ITEM IS ACCESSIBLE IN AUDIO FORMAT ONLINE AT planning.lacity.org. TO LISTEN TO THE AUDIO FILE: SELECT “ABOUT”, “COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & HEARINGS”, FILTER BY “CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION”, LOCATE THE COMMISSION MEETING DATE AND SELECT THE “AUDIO” BUTTON.

In conformity with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to concerns over COVID-19, the Cultural Heritage Commission's December 16, 2021 meeting was conducted telephonically and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Richard Barron, and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones and Micaela Torres-Gil, OHR Staff representing the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; and Diego Vasquez, Commission Office Staff.

At approximately 10:06 a.m. Commissioner Buelna joined the Zoom webinar/teleconference meeting.

ITEM NO. 1

DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE HOLDING MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCE

Motion Required. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54953(e)(1)(B)-(C), (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 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 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. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, reported the following:

- City Council is on recess due to the holidays.
- At the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee meeting of December 7, 2021, the committee continued to a future date the consideration of the HCM nominations for both the Bothwell Ranch and the Morris Kight Residence. The Committee recommended approval of the nominations for the John and Myra Van Pelt Estate and the Nishiyama Residence/Otomisan Japanese Restaurant,
- On the Crenshaw Women's Center Nomination, the public hearing was held in PLUM last week. The committee was considering a recommendation from Council District 10 to reverse the Commission's recommendation of approval and to deny the nomination based upon a recommendation that the building had lost sufficient integrity for designation. The Committee in the end recommended that the item be continued to the January 18, 2022 PLUM Committee meeting for final action.
- The Committee, last week, also reconsidered the nomination for the Chili Bowl in Mar Vista and initially rescinded its prior action in response to pending litigation concerning an alleged Brown Act violation where some members of the public indicated they had difficulty being called upon at the initial PLUM hearing. The Committee reheard the item and took additional testimony from all that wanted to be heard and then recommended denial of that HCM application. The full City Council took final action on that denial the following day.
- At the end of the meeting, the Committee lost quorum for the final item, the reconsideration of the Taix Restaurant HCM nomination based on similar Brown Act violations, and continued the Taix Restaurant nomination item until the January 18, 2022 meeting.
- The full City Council gave final approval to the HCM nomination for the Fairfax Theater. It was denied several years ago and then it was resubmitted to the Commission with new information, and was recommended for approval by the Commission.
- Recognition of James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant, with his final week with the Commission Office and City Planning.

Old Business

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork. There was no artwork.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no announcements or requests.
- Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2021, August 19, 2021, and September 2, 2021. Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

No speakers addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No speakers addressed the Commission during General Public Comment.

ITEM NO. 5

REAPPOINTMENT OF BEN DAVIS AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE PICO UNION HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM DECEMBER 16, 2021 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025.

Commissioner Kanner moved to reappoint Ben Davis as the Architect Member to the Pico Union Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board. Commissioner 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. 6

REAPPOINTMENT OF TREVOR BEHNER AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE CARTHAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM DECEMBER 16, 2021 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025.

Commissioner Kanner moved to reappoint Trevor Behner as the Architect Member to the Carthay Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board. Commissioner Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

REAPPOINTMENT OF MARCO GIORDANO AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE HARVARD HEIGHTS-WESTERN HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM DECEMBER 16, 2021 TO DECEMBER 16, 2025.

Commissioner Buelna moved to reappoint Marco Giordano as the Architect Member to the Harvard Heights-Western Heights Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board. 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. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MISSION HILLS BOWL

[CHC-2021-7683-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-7684-CE

Council District: 7 – Rodriguez

Plan Area: Mission Hills – Panorama City – North Hills

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10430 – 10434 North Sepulveda Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

John LoCascio, Historic Resources Group, Preparer

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to include the exterior of the Mission Hills Bowl 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: Barron
Seconded: Kennard
Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: JABLONSKI RESIDENCE

[CHC-2021-7689-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2021-7690-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1973 North Carmen Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charlie Fisher, Preparer; David Gadd, President Argyle Civic Association, Applicant

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

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 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