

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 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 September 15, 2022 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:02 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; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Kimberly Huangfu, 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 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, had several items of interest:

- Regarding the assessment report on the Mills Act Historical Property Contract program discussed at a public workshop in July 2022, we had an additional public workshop in August, which drew over 150 participants who provided comments on the assessment report's recommendations. The online survey that our office posted has drawn more than 250 responses thus far. Based on feedback we received from Neighborhood Councils and community organizations, more time was requested to review and comment on the report. The public comment deadline was extended by two weeks, ending today, September 15, 2022. For those who haven't submitted their comments, you may send an email to planning.millsact@lacity.org. Our department will be taking in these comments to make recommendations for policy changes and potential ordinance amendments to be considered by the City Council, we hope in early 2023.
- The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee has recommended approval of the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Hollywood Home Savings and Loan at Sunset and Vine.
- The full City Council has approved the HCM nomination for Walker's Café in San Pedro.
- Congratulations to Commissioner Milofsky who was previously recommended by the PLUM Committee for reappointment for five years. The full City Council has now given its approval to his reappointment.

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 were several requests from the Commissioners:
 - Commissioner Kanner announced that the sculpture in front of the Hollywood Home Savings and Loan on Sunset and Vine has been defaced with graffiti. The maintenance of the property is minimal. Ken Bernstein indicated that staff would follow up with the property owner.
 - Commission Vice President Kennard would like the Commission to initiate a Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the property in Leimert Park that was designed by a architect Edith Northman. This is a multi-family residence in Leimert Park; it is possible that this is the first multi-family residence in that area of the City back in the late 1920s. The address is 4344 Garthwaite Avenue, Los Angeles. The Commission took no action on this item; it will be placed on an agenda for a future meeting.
 - Regarding the Civic Memory Project, former City Councilmember Michael Woo is suggesting that artists, designers, architects, students, and other members of the public submit ideas for a permanent physical memorial to a shocking, and largely forgotten, incident in Los Angeles history, The Chinese Massacre of October 1871. It was the largest massacre of Chinese in California history, with the lynching of 18 Chinese at the hands of a vigilante mob in Los Angeles. The deadline to submit is October 12, 2022 at 5:00PM.

The Department of Cultural Affairs is taking the lead on this project in conjunction with the Mayor's Office.

- Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2022, April 7, 2022, May 5, 2022, May 19, 2022, June 2, 2022, June 16, 2022, August 4, 2022, and August 18, 2022. Commission Vice President 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

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

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no speakers who addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

ITEM NO. 5

APPOINTMENT OF BUNG KO AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE UNIVERSITY PARK HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

Commissioner Vice President Kennard moved to appoint Bung Ko as the Member-at-Large to the University Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

MONUMENT: FREEMAN HOUSE, HCM #247

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1962 North Glencoe Way

Informational Presentation on the Proposed Rehabilitation of the Monument.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Robert Chattel, Chattel, Inc. and Greg Demos, Demos Development, Representatives; and Richard Weintraub, Owner.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commission President Milofsky appointed a subcommittee of himself and Commissioner Barron to meet with the project team to fully understand the details of the proposed project.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SILBERBERG BUILDING

[CHC-2022-5941-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-5942-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 – Koretz

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7274 – 7290 West Beverly Boulevard;
180 – 182 North Poinsettia Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Morgan Quirk, Architectural Resources Group, Preparer; Dale Kendall, Save Beverly Fairfax, Applicant; and Maurice and Suzie Mazur, Owners.

Commission Vice President Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Silberberg Building 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: Kennard
Second: Buelna
Ayes: Barron, Kanner, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: TENOCHTITLAN: THE WALL THAT TALKS

[CHC-2022-5945-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-5946-CE

Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6029 – 6039 North Figueroa Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jade Puga, Safada Y Sano, Preparer; and Kathleen Gallegos, Avenue 50 Studio, Inc., Applicant.

Commissioner Buelna moved to take the proposed designation of Tenochtitlan: The Wall that Talks 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: Buelna
Second: Barron
Ayes: Kanner, Kennard, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: WATTS CITY HALL AND ENGINE COMPANY NO. 65

[CHC-2022-5974-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2022-5942-CE

Plan Area: Southeast Los Angeles

Council District: 15 – Buscaino

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1513 – 1525 East 103rd Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rosalind Sagara, Los Angeles Conservancy, Applicant.

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Watts City Hall and Engine Company No. 65 under consideration, and adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

Commission Vice President Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

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



Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



Alice Inawat, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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