

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2023

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s March 30, 2023 special meeting was conducted in person at the Board of Public Works Edward R. Roybal Session Room, Room 350, at Los Angeles City Hall and via telephone and Zoom webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the special meeting to order at 10:19 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard, and Commissioners Richard Barron, Pilar Buelna, and Diane Kanner in attendance.

Also in attendance were Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Senior Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Neverly Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant; and Don Jefferson and Michael Cheatham, Commission Office staff .

Commission President Milofsky announced that item no. 4 would be continued to a date certain of June 1, 2023, at the request of the owner.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, had several items of interest:
 - Last week, the Office of Historic Resources (OHR) launched work on the first phase of a project to develop an Indigenous Peoples historic context statement for the City of Los Angeles. This work is funded by a Certified Local Government grant from the State of California. The OHR partnered with ASM Affiliates for the initial scope of work that includes developing a framework, identifying themes and resource types, and drafting and launching a community engagement program.
 - Last week, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee voted to recommend the Jablonski Residence in Hollywood to become an Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM). They also upheld the Commission’s recommendation to decline the HCM nomination for the Troyer Brothers Four Flat in Beverly Grove.
 - Councilman Harris-Dawson introduced a motion to direct the Planning Department to initiate preparation of a report with recommendations, amendments, and administrative changes to the Mills Act Program based on community input and the assessment prepared by consultants Chattel, Inc. and AECOM. Once the motion is adopted by the full City Council, City Planning will keep the Commission and the public engaged as work proceeds.
 - There will not be a meeting next month. The California Preservation Foundation is hosting an annual conference both online and in person in San Francisco. Lambert Giessinger and Melissa Jones of our office will be presenting on the Mills Act program and Sara Delgadillo, also in our office, will be speaking on HistoricPlacesLA.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.
- There were no Commission requests.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS BIRMINGHAM HOSPITAL
CHAPTER 73**

CHC-2023-611-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2023-612-CE

Plan Area: Canoga Park – Winnetka – Woodland Hills – West Hills

Council District: 3 – Blumenfield

Last Day to Act: 04-10-23

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6543 – 6565 North Corbin Avenue

Continued to June 1, 2023 pursuant to owner's request. No action was taken by the Commission.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHC-2022-8904-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2022-8905-CE
Plan Area: Venice

Council District: 11 – Park
Last Day to Act: 04-20-23

PROJECT ADDRESS: 503 – 505 East Brooks Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE: Lauren O'Brien, Preparer; Pastor Dr. Marvin L. Davis Sr., Owner's Representative; Sean Silva, Council District 11.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to put forth the actions below and moved to include the New Bethel Baptist Church in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

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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 Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report Findings 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

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **TECHNICOLOR MOTION PICTURE CORPORATION**

CHC-2023-420-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2023-421-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez
Last Day to Act: 05-02-23

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6400 – 6410 West Santa Monica Boulevard;
1015 – 1045 North Cahuenga Boulevard;
6311 West Romaine Street; 1006 – 1024 North Cole Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE: Christine Lazzaretto, Historic Resources Group, Preparer.

MOTION:

Commission Vice President Kennard moved to put forth the actions below and moved to include the Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation 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 that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report Findings as the Findings of the Commission.

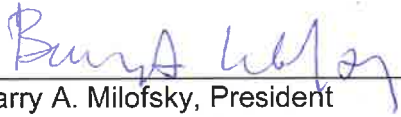
Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

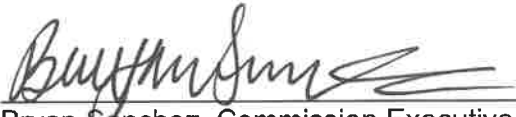
Moved: Kennard
Second: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.


Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission


Bryan Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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