

Cultural Heritage Commission

Official Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2023

200 North Spring Street, City Hall

Los Angeles, California 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s July 20, 2023, meeting was conducted in person in Room 1010 at Los Angeles City Hall and via telephone and Zoom webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:20 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; Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner; Lambert Giessinger, Senior Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planner; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Linda Lou, Interim Commission Office Manager; and Michael Cheatham and Marcos Godoy, Administrative Clerks.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- On June 24, the Office of Historic Resources joined with the Getty Conservation Institute to host a community kickoff celebration for African American Historic Places, Los Angeles, our joint project to identify, preserve, and celebrate African American heritage across the City. The event was held at St. Elmo Village in the Mid-City community, and attracted over 200 invited community leaders in the African American community, from neighborhoods across the City. We offered a number of successful activities that included community story-gathering sessions and a survey to identify significant African American resources. We also announced the first four sites that are being advanced for Historic-Cultural Monument designation under the project: First AME Church in West Adams/Sugar Hill, StylesVille Barbershop and Beauty Salon, the oldest Black barbershop in the San Fernando Valley, the California Eagle newspaper offices on Central Avenue, and the Tom and Ethel Bradley Residence, the longtime Leimert Park home of LA’s first African American Mayor and longest-serving Mayor. And we were very honored to be joined by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as our featured speaker, sharing his connection to LA’s African American history and his particular interest in Central Avenue’s jazz history.
- Earlier this week, I participated in a panel for the Los Feliz Improvement Association – an event also attended by Commission Kanner as a community member – to discuss a community-driven proposal to nominate four districts in Los Feliz to the National Register of Historic Places. These include the Los Feliz Square neighborhood, courtyard apartments along Los Feliz Boulevard, multifamily buildings on Vermont Avenue, and a Mid-Century district along Winona Boulevard. The meeting discussed how projects within these districts

would be reviewed if they were listed in the National Register. We have also provided similar background information recently for community meetings on other potential National Register districts, including proposed nominations for the Leimert Park and St. Andrews Square neighborhoods.

- Following in the footsteps of Commissioners Milofsky and Kennard, who represented this commission last year on the same program, I was invited to record a half-hour interview earlier this month for LA Cityview 35's LA Currents program, discussing the work of the Office of Historic Resources with this Commission, as well as our African American Historic Places project and other current OHR initiatives. That interview is now airing on Channel 35 and is available on the LA Cityview 35 website.
- An update on our review of the Link Union Station project, led by California High Speed Rail Authority and Metro: The Commission had previously created a subcommittee – consisting of Commissioners Milofsky and Barron – to review potential impacts both to Union Station and nearby historic resources. We have provided comments from OHR staff and the Commission on the project's Findings of Effect under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Our comments addressed potential impacts to the station's passenger concourse tunnel, as well as the Cesar Chavez underpass near the station and the nearby LA River bridges.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Commission Announcements/Requests

- Commissioner Kanner noted a planned absence for the meeting of September 21, 2023.

Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 02, 2021, December 16, 2021, and January 20, 2022. Commission Vice President Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

MOTION PASSED

- **Election of Officers:** Commissioner Barron nominated Commissioner Milofsky as President for the Cultural Heritage Commission. Commissioner Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barron
Second: Kennard

Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- **Election of Officers:** Commissioner Barron nominated Commissioner Kennard as Vice President for the Cultural Heritage Commission. Commission President Milofsky seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barron

Second: Milofsky

Ayes: Buelna, Kanner, Kennard

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT: **STANLEY BURKE'S RESTAURANT AND SIGN, HCM #1215**

Plan Area: Van Nuys – North Sherman Oaks

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5037-5053 North Van Nuys Boulevard

Informational presentation on the proposed structural work and update on the site plan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Tina Choi, EKA Government Advocacy & Public Affairs; David Cocke, Structural Focus; and Alan Hess, Architect, all representing the Owner/Applicant.

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PROPOSED MONUMENT: PICCADILLY APARTMENTS

CHC-2023-4227-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2023-4228-CE

Council District: 10 – Hutt
Plan Area: Wilshire

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 682 South Irolo Street

IN ATTENDANCE: Patty Lombard, representing the Applicant.

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Piccadilly Apartments under consideration, and adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

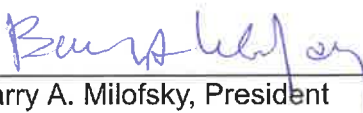
Commissioner Buelna seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

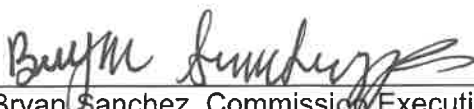
Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.



Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



Bryan Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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