

Cultural Heritage Commission

Official Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2023

200 North Spring Street, City Hall

Los Angeles, California 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s September 21, 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 10:08 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioner Richard Barron in attendance. Commissioners Pilar Buelna and Diane Kanner were not 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; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Ari Briski, Commission Office Manager; Jose Perez Lara, Commission Executive Assistant, 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:

- The Office of Historic Resources (OHR) will again be receiving a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant from the State of California for this coming year. The 2023-24 grant will be \$40,000 to complete the First Peoples of Los Angeles Historic Context Statement, which will be the first time the City has created a comprehensive framework addressing the history of native peoples and tribal cultural resources. The OHR is currently wrapping up work on this year's CLG grant, which funded a preparatory phase for this project, including initial engagement with local tribal representatives and development of a project scope and outline of key themes for the context narrative. With the new grant, the OHR will be developing a final context document by the end of 2024.
- It's been a rather bittersweet time of change at the OHR. Amanda Kainer from the OHR HPOZ unit has received a well-deserved promotion to the position of City Planner and will be leading a team working on the South Valley Community Plans. Jonathan Kaplan from the HPOZ team is relocating to the East Coast and has accepted a new historic preservation planning position in Fairfax County, Virginia. Max Loder, who has overseen historic resource reviews in former redevelopment project areas, is moving to a new role in the Department's Development Services Center Case Management team. Christina Morton, OHR's Student Professional Worker, is departing to take up a teaching assistant role at UCLA.

- And finally, Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner, is about to take parental leave for the next several months.
- The OHR welcomes Rafael Fontes, who is assuming Max Loder's role on Redevelopment reviews. Rafael joins the OHR after previously working on project planning reviews in the South Los Angeles geography, including many project reviews involving historic resources, and he is a product of USC's Masters in Heritage Conservation program.
- The City's Personnel Department is expected to open up the civil service exam tomorrow for Planning Assistant, the entry-level planning position in LA City Planning, which includes many of the positions in the OHR.
- For City Council and Committee updates, the major update since the Commission last met is an issue that has received considerable media attention: the initiation by Councilmember Traci Park of a Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for Marilyn Monroe's former home in Brentwood, where she passed away in 1962. With the adoption of the Council motion on an emergency basis on September 8th, an immediate temporary stay on demolition and substantial alteration went into effect immediately. Once the written nomination is completed, it will be coming before the Cultural Heritage Commission.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Commission Announcements/Requests

- Commissioner Barron noted a possible planned absence for the meeting of October 5, 2023.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

At approximately 10:25 a.m. Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting. Commission President Milofsky reconvened the meeting at approximately 10:32 a.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard and Commissioner Barron present.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT: **JARDINETTE APARTMENTS, HCM #390**

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5128 W. Marathon Street

IN ATTENDANCE: Corey Miller, June Street Architecture; Barbara Lamprecht; both representing the owner/applicant

Informational presentation on the rehabilitation of the Monument and proposed accessibility alterations.

At approximately 11:26 a.m. Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting. Commission President Milofsky reconvened the meeting at approximately 11:31 a.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard and Commissioner Barron present.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **PICCADILLY APARTMENTS**

CHC-2023-4227-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2023-4228-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Hutt

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 682 South Irolo Street

IN ATTENDANCE: Patty Lombard, representing the applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Barron moved to put forth the actions below and moved to include the Piccadilly Apartments in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments:

1. Determined 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 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: Barron
Second: Kennard
Ayes: Milofsky
Absent: Buelna, Kanner

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: 250 N. NORTON AVENUE

CHC-2023-5913-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2023-5914-CE

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez
Plan Area: Wilshire

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 250 N. Norton Avenue;
4922-4928 W. Beverly Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE: Patty Lombard, representing the Applicant; Peter Lupo, Owner

MOTION:

Commissioner Barron moved to not take the proposed designation of 250 N. Norton Avenue 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:

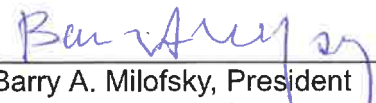
Moved: Barron
Second: Kennard
Ayes: Milofsky
Absent: Buelna, Kanner

Vote: 3 – 0

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There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.


Barry A. Milofsky, President
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