

Cultural Heritage Commission
Official Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023
(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 January 16, 2023 meeting was conducted via telephone and/or videoconferencing.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:05 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; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, 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.

Commissioner Kanner 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 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. 2

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- I want to congratulate Commission Executive Assistant Etta Armstrong on her retirement, effective next week. Etta, we thank you for your many years of service to the city and wish you a very rewarding retirement.
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- The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the City Council recommended acceptance of a \$44,000 grant from the State Office of Historic Preservation to support the creation of a framework and community engagement strategy toward development of our first citywide Indigenous Peoples Historic Context Statement. Once that item is approved by Council, our department will be able to move forward with the release of a Task Order Solicitation for consultants to lead this work.
- The PLUM Committee recommended approval of the Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM) nomination for 15526 Plummer Street, the historic 1914 home in North Hills. It also recommended approval of a motion introduced by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield to initiate an HCM nomination for the Disabled American Veterans building at 6543 Corbin Avenue in Woodland Hills. Once that motion receives its final approval, it will come to the Office of Historic Resources to prepare that nomination for presentation to the Commission in the coming months.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Stefanie Smith, Superintendent of Griffith Park, from the Recreation and Parks Department provided the Commission with an update regarding the Griffith Park Pony Ride, a contributing element of Historic-Cultural Monument #942. Commission President Milofsky appointed a subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Barron and Kanner to draft a letter to the Recreation and Parks Department in support of the legacy use of the Griffith Park Pony Ride.
- Advance Calendar – There were no changes to the Advance Calendar.
- There were no Commission requests.

ITEM NO. 3

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

ITEM NO. 4

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEM NO. 5

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION - AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORIC PLACES, LOS ANGELES PROJECT UPDATE

In Attendance:

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, Office of Historic Resources, Los Angeles Department of City Planning; Rita Cofield, Associate Project Specialist, Getty Conservation Institute

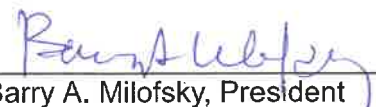
At approximately 11:45 a.m. Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting. Commission President Milofsky reconvened the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard and Commissioners Barron, and Kanner in attendance. Commissioner Buelna left the meeting during the recess.

ITEM NO. 6

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION - NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION 2022 PASTFORWARD CONFERENCE SESSION PRESENTATION

The Commission watched two sessions from the 2022 PastForward Conference, one on updating the National Register for Historic Places processes for applying eligibility criteria, and a second session on the National Impact Agenda, a framework developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to guide the preservation movement.

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.


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