

Cultural Heritage Commission

Official Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 2023

200 North Spring Street, City Hall

Los Angeles, California 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s August 17, 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 approximately 10:10 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard, Commissioner Richard Barron, Commissioner Pilar Buelna, and Commissioner Diane Kanner in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Linda Lou, Interim Commission Office Manager; Ari Briski, Commission Office Manager; and Michael Cheatham, Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

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

- I wanted to begin my report by congratulating Commissioner Kennard on her reappointment by Mayor Bass to an additional five-year term on the commission. The Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the Council heard her reappointment on Tuesday and unanimously recommended approval. I wanted to thank Commissioner Kennard for her continued service and dedication, and for her eloquent words in committee on Tuesday articulating the importance of telling the full story of Los Angeles through our designated Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCMs).

- Several of staff in the Office of Historic Resources were invited yesterday to join a celebration and a Historic-Cultural Monument plaque ceremony for Hung Sa Dahn, the Young Korean Academy Building in the Exposition Park neighborhood, as an historic site that reflects the history of the Korean Independence movement. The event included a number of non-profit organizations, including the Korean American Legacy Foundation, as well as the Republic of Korea Government, the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, and Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson. The role of the Cultural Heritage Commission in the site’s designation was recognized as part of the event, and the event video included footage of the Commission Zoom meetings on the designation. The Korean government representative shared a preliminary vision for the property, which includes seeing it as a hub for researching and managing Korean American independence history in North America, as a multifunctional community space, and as an educational center and cultural institute for future generations. Upon the completion of the rehabilitation work, the South Korean

government intends to oversee program operations and facility management directly. We look forward to working with the project team in the coming months on the review of the building's proposed rehabilitation.

- On other Council and Committee actions, the full City Council last week approved the HCM nomination for the Hollywood Sikh Temple. The PLUM Committee this week continued the nomination for the Disabled American Veterans Building in Woodland Hills for 60 days, to allow for additional time for consultation with the property owner and interested parties.

- And finally, the full City Council last week gave its unanimous approval to the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination for the Morris Kight Residence on 4th Street in Westlake. Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez introduced an amending motion on the Council floor, to adopt the findings of the Cultural Heritage Commission as the Findings of the Council, with a modification to limit the designation to the residence itself and not the site or ancillary structures, since the primary significance is the main residence where the events and movements cited in the nomination occurred. Councilmember Hernandez agreed to an additional verbal amendment, seconded by Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, specifying that the residence is not to be moved from its current location. The amendment was meant to recognize and honor the significance of Morris Kight and the important organizations and events that had their start at this residence and provide further protection for the main residence structure, while limiting the scope of designation to allow for potential new residential development behind the historic home.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Commission Announcements/Requests

- There were no commission announcements/requests.
- Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 21, 2022; September 15, 2022; October 6, 2022; October 20, 2022; November 3, 2022; November 17, 2022; December 1, 2022; and December 15, 2022. Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved:	Kanner
Seconded:	Barron
Ayes:	Kennard, Milofsky
Abstain:	Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 7, 2022. Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kanner
Seconded: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Kennard
Abstain: Milofsky

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

A Community Impact Statement was received from the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council in support of Item 5, The Cunningham Residence. The Neighborhood Council representative, Laura Meyers, spoke under the agenda item.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT: WALKER'S CAFE, HCM #1267

Plan Area: San Pedro

Council District: 15 – McOsker

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 700 West Paseo Del Mar

IN ATTENDANCE: John LoCascio, Historic Resources Group, and Elisa Paster, Rand Paster & Nelson, Representing the Owner Masis Holdings LLC

The Commission received an informational presentation on the proposed project to rehabilitate the historic cafe building and the proposed new construction behind the historic building. The Commission did not take an action.

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: CUNNINGHAM RESIDENCE

CHC-2023-3988-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2023-3989-CE

Plan Area: West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert

Council District: 10 – Hutt

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1802-1806 South Crenshaw Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE: Ina Morton, Student Professional Worker, Office of Historic Resources, Los Angeles City Planning

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to put forth the actions below and include the Cunningham Residence 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. Determined that the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommended that the City Council consider and declare the subject property an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopted the staff report Findings as the Findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting at approximately 11:25 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 11:34 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE COMPLEX

CHC-2023-3455-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2023-3456-CE
Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6464-6480 West Santa Monica Boulevard;
1048-1060 North Wilcox Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE: Matt Chait, The Complex Theatre and Studios, and Lindsay Mulcahy, Los Angeles Conservancy, applicants; Bill Delvac, Armbruster Goldsmith Delvac LLP, and Sahil Gandhi, owner's representatives.

MOTION:

Commissioner Barron moved to put forth the actions below and include The Complex 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. Determined the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommended that the City Council consider and declare the subject property an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopted the staff report Findings as the Findings of the Commission.

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

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

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

Commissioner Barron left the meeting at approximately 12:22 p.m.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: 4733 BEVERLY DINGBAT

CHC-2023-4968-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2023-4969-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4733 Beverly Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE: Patty Lombard on behalf of the applicant, James Dastoli

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of 4733 Beverly Boulevard under consideration, and adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

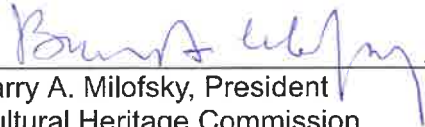
Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.


Barry A. Milofsky, President
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Bryan Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
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