

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, 200 N. SPRING STREET
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS EDWARD R. ROYBAL SESSION ROOM, ROOM 350
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s January 18, 2024 meeting was conducted in person in 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 regular meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioners Richard Barron, Pilar Buelna, and Diane Kanner were in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Senior Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planner; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Bryan Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant; and Don Jefferson and Michael Cheatham, Administrative Clerks.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, gave a report on behalf of Vincent P. Bertoni, Director of Planning.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.

Advance Calendar

- Commission Vice President Kennard announced a planned absence on June 6, 2024.

Commission Announcements/Requests

- There were no commission announcements/requests.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2023; June 15, 2023; July 20, 2023; September 21, 2023. Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

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

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

ITEM NO. 4

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MARILYN MONROE RESIDENCE

CHC-2023-6134-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2023-6135-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood – Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Park

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 12305 West 5th Helena Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

George Muhlsten and Benjamin Hanelin, Latham & Watkins, and Brinah Milstein and Roy Bank, representing the Owners; Heather Goers, Preparer; and Sean Silva, Planning Field Deputy, Council District 11.

MOTION:

Commissioner Barron moved to put forth the actions below and moved to include the Marilyn Monroe Residence 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 the Marilyn Monroe Residence 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 Marilyn Monroe Residence an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report Findings as the Findings of the 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

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: 540 SOUTH ST. ANDREWS PLACE

CHC-2023-7020-HCM

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

CEQA: ENV-2023-7021-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 538–540 South St. Andrews Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

James Dastoli, Applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to put forth the actions below and moved to include 540 South St. Andrews Place 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 540 South St. Andrews Place 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 540 South St. Andrews Place 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: Kanner
Second: Barron
Ayes: Buelna, Kennard, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: FENWAY HALL

CHC-2023-7016-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2023-7017-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Hutt

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 621 S. Gramercy Place

IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Soufer, Commercial Property Management USA representing the Owner, Sosu Investors LLC; James Dastoli, Applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to put forth the actions below and moved to include Fenway Hall 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 Fenway Hall 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 Fenway Hall an Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report Findings as the Findings of the Commission.

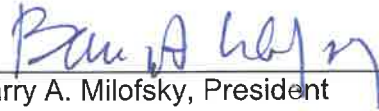
Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm .



Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission



Bryan Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant I
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