

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
OFFICIAL MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 REGULAR MEETING
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, ROOM 1010
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s May 16, 2024 meeting was conducted in person in Los Angeles City Hall, Room 1010 and via telephone and Zoom webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:15 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; Lambert Giessinger, Senior Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planner; Andrez Parra, Planning Assistant; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Neverly Ann Hill, Commission Executive Assistant; Tionna Simpson 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

- Staff Update on Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Committee Work Plan

New Business

- There was no new business.

Commission Announcements/Requests

- Commission Vice President Kennard requested to agendaize St. Elmo Village to initiate consideration of the property located at 4820-4846 W. St. Elmo Drive as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.
- Commissioner Buelna announced a planned absence for the meeting of June 20, 2024.
- Commission Vice President Kennard announced a planned absence for the meeting of July 16, 2024.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2023; October 19, 2023; December 7, 2023. Commission Vice President Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kanner
Second: Kennard

Ayes: Barron, Buelna, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023. Commission Vice President Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kanner

Second: Kennard

Ayes: Barron, Milofsky

Abstain: Buelna

Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

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

**MONUMENT: MOUNT WASHINGTON HOTEL / SELF REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP
INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, HCM #845**

Plan Area: Northeast Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Hernandez

PROPERTY ADDRESSES: 3846-3880 East San Rafael Avenue; 701-721 West Mt. Washington Drive

Commission Review and Comment on the Proposed Rehabilitation Project.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Brother Kalyanananda, Self Realization Fellowship; Stephanie Kingsnorth, Pfeiffer – A Perkins Eastman Studio; and Jenna Snow, Historic Preservation Consulting representing the Owner, Self Realization Fellowship Church

Commission President Milofsky announced Item No. 6 would be taken out of order.

ITEM NO. 6**PROPOSED MONUMENT: ASTRO FAMILY RESTAURANT****CHC-2024-2512-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2024-2513-CE

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

Plan Area: Silver Lake – Echo Park – Elysian Valley

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2300 - 2306 North Fletcher Drive; 2611 North Silver Lake Boulevard**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jamie Rummerfield, SIA Projects, Applicant and Charles Fisher, Historian4Hire, Preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Barron moved to take the proposed designation of the Astro Family Restaurant 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: Barron

Second: Kanner

Ayes: Buelna, Kennard, Milofsky

Vote: 5 – 0**MOTION PASSED**

Commission President Milofsky recessed the meeting at approximately 11:33 a.m. President Milofsky reconvened the meeting at approximately 11:42 a.m. with Commission Vice President Kennard, and Commissioners Barron, Buelna, and Kanner in attendance.

ITEM NO. 5**PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE DRAKE****CHC-2023-8029-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2023-8030-CE

Council District: 10 – Hutt

Plan Area: Wilshire

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 537 South Kenmore Avenue**IN ATTENDANCE:**

James Dastoli, Applicant

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to determine the subject property does not conform with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.171.7 and adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

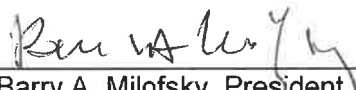
Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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 11:56 a.m.



Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

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