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In Support of HCM for Walter Bollenbacher Duplex, 1054 South Orange Grove Ave / Case#: CHC-2019-7391-HCM

1 message

fred parnes <fredparnes@yahoo.com> Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 4:21 PM
To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>
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1054 South Orange Grove Ave

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FRED PARNES <heyfredo@me.com> Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 4:17 PM
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1054 South Orange Grove

1 message

Matthew F. Smith <themfs@gmail.com> Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 3:57 PM
To: chc@lacity.org
Cc: lambert.giessinger@lacity.org, jordan.berourkhim@lacity.org, sylvia.lacy@lacity.org, elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org, president@piconc.com, info@piconc.com

Hello there.

I have been living in the Wilshire Vista neighborhood for almost 20 years.

I love it here!

With new apartments being built I am very concerned about the change in the aesthetic and threat of over-development in my wonderful neighborhood.

PLEASE stop this new development and SAVE 1054 South Orange Grove!

Walter Bollenbacher Duplex
1054 South Orange Grove Ave
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Thank you!

--
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1 message

Melissa Jones <melissa.jones@lacity.org> Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 4:23 PM
To: Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

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From: **Lisa Landworth** <lisa@landworthdebolske.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 4:22 PM
Subject: RE: In support of HCM for the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex, 1054 South Orange Grove Ave/Case#:CHC-2019-7391-HCM
To: Lambert Giessinger <lambert.giessinger@lacity.org>, <sylia.lacy@lacity.org>, <Eliszabeth.Carlin@lacity.org>, <president@piconc.com>, <info@piconc.com>, <melissa.jones@lacity.org>

Re: In support of HCM for the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex, 1054 South Orange Grove Ave/Case#:CHC-2019-7391-HCM

Thirty years ago, my husband and I, bought a duplex in the Miracle Mile HPOZ (Historic Preservation Overlay Zone) area to raise our family in. We purchased in this particular area because it contained a mix of single family and multifamily housing with cohesive, historically significant architecture. We are located just north of and on the other side of San Vicente Blvd. from the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex.

I often walk or drive down South Orange Grove Ave. and admire this street for its great example of historic multi-family buildings, many of them have lovely entrance courtyards.

The Walter Bollenbacher Duplex was included in SurveyLA as a contributing structure as well as a contributing member to an historic neighborhood. I am in support of a Historic Cultural designation for this property as well as a proposed National Registry of Historic Places Historic District for the neighborhood. What makes a neighborhood cohesive is not so much the unique architecture style of the multifamily buildings but the consistent massing, scale and level of detail.

I urge you to support the Historic Cultural Monument designation for this property.

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n Support of HCM for The Walter Bollenbacher Duplex CHC-2019-7391-HCM

1 message

Naomi Himmelfarb <naomihimmelfarb@yahoo.com> Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:50 PM
To: Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>
Cc: Lambert Giessinger <lambert.giessinger@lacity.org>, Sylvia.lacy@lacity.org, elizabeth.carlin@lacity.org, Brad Kane <president@piconc.com>, info@piconc.com

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly support Historic Cultural Monument Status of the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex at 1054 South Orange Grove Ave in Los Angeles (CHC Case#: CHC-2019-7391-HCM; Environmental Case#: ENV-2019-7392-CE). I have been living in the Wilshire Vista neighborhood for almost 30 years, and have been living on Genesee Ave., two blocks away from the Bollenbacher Duplex, for almost twenty. I have been actively involved the successful effort to get the Charlotte Chase Apartments and the Charles H. Chase Duplex on Genesee Ave designated by the City of Los Angeles as HCMs. I deeply value the beauty and history of these unique buildings and am committed to seeing them preserved.

Losing this building to development would be a loss a to the Wilshire Vista neighborhood, but more generally to Los Angeles as a whole. With development, there are fewer and fewer historic neighborhoods intact in L.A., and therefore, fewer areas that retain their architecture, history, and charm. I urge you to please support HCM status for this worthy structure in this historically valuable neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Naomi Himmelfarb
1088 S. Genesee Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90019

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In Support of HCM for The Walter Bollenbacher Duplex CHC-2019-7391-HCM

1 message

Mearns, Jack <jmearns@fullerton.edu> Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 8:49 AM
To: "chc@lacity.org" <chc@lacity.org>
Cc: "lambert.giessinger@lacity.org" <lambert.giessinger@lacity.org>, "Sylvia.lacy@lacity.org" <Sylvia.lacy@lacity.org>, "Elizabeth.Carlin@lacity.org" <Elizabeth.Carlin@lacity.org>, "president@piconc.com" <president@piconc.com>, "info@piconc.com" <info@piconc.com>

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to wholeheartedly support Historic Cultural Monument Status of the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex at 1054 South Orange Grove Ave in Los Angeles (CHC Case#: CHC-2019-7391-HCM; Environmental Case#: ENV-2019-7392-CE). I am a 30-year resident of the Wilshire Vista neighborhood and a 20-year resident of Genesee Ave, which is two blocks away from the Bollenbacher Duplex. Last year, I was an active participant in the successful effort to get the Charlotte Chase Apartments and the Charles H. Chase Duplex on Genesee Ave designated by the City of Los Angeles as HCMs. I currently am a core member of Save Wilshire Vista, which is working to get the entire neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic places.

SurveyLA documented the historic significance of this neighborhood, which is over 90% historically intact. The Walter Bollenbacher Duplex was noted by SurveyLA as a contributing structure. It sits mid-block on Orange Grove, amid other historic multifamily structures. Losing this building to development would be a loss of a historic structure in itself. But it would also represent a severe loss to the integrity of the multifamily district that SurveyLA deemed historically worthy. While so much of historic Los Angeles is being lost to development, it is important for some historic enclaves to be preserved for future generations. We believe we have a very good chance of getting this neighborhood listed on the National Historic Register when our application is considered later this spring. Keeping the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex intact will maintain the integrity of this historic enclave.

Once historic structures like the Walter Bollenbacher Duplex are torn down, they cannot be replaced. With its high-pitched roofline, leaded glass windows, ornate iron work, and distinctive tile-work on the stairs, The Walter Bollenbacher Duplex stands as an example of the Southern California architecture worthy of saving. I urge you to please support HCM status for this worthy structure in this historically valuable neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jack Mearns

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Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 4:55 PM

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

CHC-2019-7391-HCM, letter of opposition

1 message

Oren Hadar <oren@orenhadar.com> Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 3:01 PM
To: chc@lacity.org

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of Wilshire Vista, I write to oppose the designation of 1054 S. Orange Drive as a Historic-Cultural Monument. We face a tremendous housing shortage in Los Angeles that has had major impacts on my neighborhood. Since the professionals at the Dept. of City Planning have determined that this building does not meet the criteria for Historic-Cultural Monument status, it is important that you do not allow the historic designation process to be misused in order to block the construction of 16 much needed new homes at this site.

The proposed project would bring 16 homes to this transit-rich, walkable location. Depending on the route Metro chooses for the Crenshaw Line's northern extension, these new homes could end up being one block from a train station. Being a Transit Oriented Communities project, the building would also include affordable units, sorely needed in this rapidly gentrifying neighborhood, which currently has no deed-restricted affordable housing at all.

My neighborhood is losing its middle class. According to census data, half of our African American families have moved away since the Great Recession, and the mostly white residents that have replaced them are more affluent and more highly educated. This gentrification is not due to new construction – only 17 new apartments have been built in this census tract in this century. In fact, the shortage of new apartments here means that housing is a zero-sum game, with affluent renters who move here pushing out those who can't afford higher rents. We need new construction that provides options to those looking to move here in order to ease the cycle of displacement.

Wilshire Vista contains many beautiful homes worthy of preservation, but we also have a severe housing shortage that is displacing families. I believe it is important to preserve the homes that truly contribute to the historical character of the neighborhood, and that these historic designations must be handed out judiciously so as not to contribute to the housing crisis and harm the residents of the neighborhood. The neighborhood characters deserve just as much preservation as the neighborhood character.

Sincerely,

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1 message

Natasha Shliapnikoff <rginff@aol.com> Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 6:26 AM
To: chc@lacity.org
Cc: lambert.giessinger@lacity.org

Walter Bollenbacher Duplex DO NOT Demolish this building. Los Ángeles is filled with UGLY new boxes (buildings). They are grotesque structures which diminish our City. We need to keep our neighborhoods looking like neighborhoods and preserve what is left of our architecture.

Natasha Shliapnikoff

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Gertrude Haywood

James Grant

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Sent from my iPhone

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February 27, 2020

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RE: Support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles, 435 S. Boyle Avenue

Dear Ms. Jones,

On behalf of the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, we unanimously have voted on February 26, 2020 to support the Historic-Cultural Monument nomination of the International Institute of Los Angeles located at 435 S. Boyle Avenue in Boyle Heights. The International Institute of Los Angeles is significant for its associations with Progressive Era reform, women's social movements, and patterns of immigration in Los Angeles. As a community-serving institution, the property represents Boyle Heights' ethno-racial diversity and is an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture in an institutional setting.

Our neighborhood's history has many facets, and historic preservation helps tell these stories, our stories. In fact, the one of the new board members elected shared his family history in relationship the the International Institute of Los Angeles. Boyle Heights is rich with history and culture and it the board recognizes the importance of protecting these monuments because it is our shared connection that makes us so unique.

There are many historic and culturally significant resources in Boyle Heights, yet few have been locally designated. We urge you to take into consideration the designation of the International Institute of Los Angeles. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 342-1380 or polanco.bhnc@gmail.com should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Veronica Polanco, President
Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

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Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>

Fwd: draft

1 message

Melissa Jones <melissa.jones@lacity.org> Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 2:02 PM
To: Planning CHC <chc@lacity.org>, Lambert Giessinger <lambert.giessinger@lacity.org>

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E-NEWS

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From: **Steve Voss** <SVoss@iilosangeles.org>
Date: Fri, Feb 28, 2020 at 1:14 PM
Subject: draft
To: Melissa Jones <melissa.jones@lacity.org>

Hi Thanks for taking my call this morning and again now.

As I said then, we have a brief statement to present to the Commission on Thursday, March 4 at 10 a.m.

Its current draft follows here below.

Please send it to the Commission and make sure we are slotted for our 10 minutes as allowed for on the agenda.

See you Thursday.

DRAFT Statement of IILA to the Commission

Good Morning, I am Steve Voss, CEO of IILA and property owner of the building in question at 435 S. Boyle Avenue.

Since 1914 we have delivered a wealth of social services to the L.A. community, many from the subject property at 435 S. Boyle Ave.

But now we are in need of selling it after so many years.

Also here today are the following representatives of IILA.

Anita Castellanos,(Not yet confirmed) Board member of IILA and community member

- Steven J. Holt, IILA Board Chair
- Damon Feldmeth, Realtor handling the sale of said property

Despite apparent requirements to do so,

- we have received no certified letters or notices about this planned historical designation
- This absence of notice left us blind-sided on this matter despite being owners, and
- Nonetheless, despite apparent requirements, such application for historical designation was filed last August; and
- No request to visit or see the building were either made nor denied.

The 435 S. Boyle building is for sale because it has declined so much that it poses an economic hardship on IILA to retain and operate

E. Stephen Voss

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Stires Staircase Bungalow Court

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Katie Greenway <katiegreenway@gmail.com> Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 10:02 AM
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Dear Cultural Heritage Commission,

I'm writing in support of the historic nomination for the Stires Staircase Bungalow Court at 1251 - 1259 Sunset Blvd (Case #CHC 2020-896-HCM).

Bungalow courts are part of what make Echo Park and Angeleno heights so special. Unfortunately they're becoming more and more rare and are worth preserving. Please consider granting this property historical status.

Thank you,

Katie Greenway
An Echo Park resident of 9 years

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Stires Staircase Bungalow Court

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Dear Cultural Heritage Commission,
I am writing in support of the historic nomination for the Stires Staircase Bungalow Court on Sunset Boulevard. I am not a resident of Los Angeles, I live in Berkeley, but I frequently visit. My daughter lives in Angelino Heights, and I love the Angelino Heights and Echo Park area - for the lake, for its diversity, and for the character of the neighborhood, with its lovely old homes. The bungalow courts are part of this - they are such an iconic Old LA treasure! There are so few of them left - they should be saved, not demolished.
Thank you for your support!
Carolyn Holm

If you love animals, my blog will make you smile! blog.carolynholm.com

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Letter of Support

The Stires Staircase Bungalow Court,
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Los Angeles, CA 90026.

November 26, 2019

To: Office of Historic Resources/Cultural Heritage Commission; CD1.
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The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) supports the application of the Silver Lake Heritage Trust for the conservation and recognition as a Historical-Cultural Monument of the Stires Staircase Bungalow Court. at 1251-1259 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026 with APN: 5406015001 and APN: 5406016026.

The 1920's bungalow court-arrangement on a graded hillside, fronting a staircase was reflective of an innovative house-type unique to the Greater Echo Park Elysian hillside areas. Though Spanish courts were common citywide on flat lots, hillside courts fronting staircases had unique functions. They allowed for the preservation and conservation of the hillsides, provided pedestrian mobility and access to transit corridors.

Besides the historical value of this precious site, the preservation of these bungalows will also prevent the displacement of 10 families from their present homes.

With great respect for your work in the Echo Park area, the EPNC earnestly requests your support in this matter, as we advocate for the diversity of affordable housing citywide and especially in Echo Park.

Resolution

On November 26, 2019, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed-meeting, at 7 p.m., at Echo Park United Methodist Church, 1226 N. Alvarado Street, Los Angeles CA 90026. With a quorum of 17 board members present and a vote count of 17 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, the Board resolved to write a letter of support for the **Stires Staircase Bungalow Court**, as set forth above.

Respectfully,

Tad Yenawine
Secretary, Echo Park Neighborhood Council