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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
March 1, 2018
200 North Spring Street, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commissioner Barron called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. with Commissioners Kennard, Kanner, Milofsky and Buelna present.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Architect from the Office of Historic Resources; Melissa Jones, Planning Assistant with the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I, and Jason Wong, Senior Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Pleased to welcome two new staff members to the OHR's HPOZ Unit this week: Mickie Torres-Gil, who most recently worked for Architectural Resources Group (ARG) in Pasadena and previously was a staff member at the LA Conservancy; and Katie DeBiase, who comes to us from IS Architecture, one of the largest historic preservation consulting firms in the San Diego region (though Katie grew up in the LA area).
- On Wednesday, February 14, the City Council unanimously adopted the Comprehensive Fee Study to adjust fee levels for all Department of City Planning actions. The Ordinance with the new fees takes effect on March 24th. This will result in increases to the City's HPOZ application fees; Certificate of Appropriateness fees will increase from a range of \$4 73 to \$1706 up to a range of \$1279 to \$2600. HPOZ applications will still be among the very few in the city where fee levels are not set at 100% cost recovery; instead, the fees reflect only 30% of the costs of processing these applications, with the remaining 70% subsidized by the General Fund. There are also increases to the City's Mills Act fees; a separate motion has been introduced to ensure that these new fees are cross-referenced in the City's Administrative Code, which is a separate code.

Other Recent Council Actions:

- Council President Herb Wesson introduced a motion last week to initiate a Historic-Cultural Monument application for 1828 S. Gramercy Place in the Angelus Vista neighborhood, a 1904-5 Transitional Craftsman house.
- Beneficial Plaza/Liberty Park HCM was to have been in PLUM Committee this week but was continued to next Tuesday.
- Three additional HCM nominations received final Council approval:
 - 537 S. Broadway, the F. and W. Grand Silver Store Building
 - The Potter on Ocean Front Walk in Venice
 - The Joannes Brothers Building at 800 Traction in the Arts District:

- There was considerable additional testimony at PLUM Committee on the findings for designation on this property. Councilmember Huizar introduced a a motion that was approved to further adjust these findings: "Joannes Brothers Company Building "reflects the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, state, or community" for its association with the early development of the food processing industry, and for its association with the artist-in-residence movement of the 1980s, which emerged and flourished because of the pioneering contributions of Japanese American, Chicano and other artists, such as Matsumi Kanemitsu and Richard Duardo, in what is now the Arts District."

COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Old Business

1. There was no update on the Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board.
2. The Commission reviewed and concurred on the following proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork:
 - Zeiger House, HCM No. 1083 (Contemporary Custom Ranch Style)

B. New Business

1. Advance Calendar – Commissioner Buelna announced that she would not be able to attend the meeting of March 15, 2018
2. Commission Announcements/Requests – There were no announcements or requests from the Commission.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by any Neighborhood Council representative.

ITEM NO. 3

APPOINTMENT OF ADRIENE BIONDO AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE VAN NUYS/STONEHURST/BALBOA HIGHLANDS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM MARCH 1, 2018 TO MARCH 1, 2022.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Adriene Biondo.

MOTION:

Commissioner Buelna moved to approve the appointment of Adriene Biondo as the Member-At-Large to the Van Nuys/Stonehurst/Balboa Highlands Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from March 1, 2018 to March 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milofsky and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 4

RE-APPOINTMENT OF LINDA BRETTLER AS THE ARCHITECT MEMBER TO THE HOLLYWOOD GROVE/WHITLEY HEIGHTS/MELROSE HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM MARCH 1, 2018 TO MARCH 1, 2022.

IN ATTENDANCE:

No one in attendance for this item.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to approve the re-appointment of Linda Brettler as the Architect Member to the Hollywood Grove/Whitley Height/Melrose Hill Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from March 1, 2018 to March 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanner and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: RANCHO EL ESCORPION LIME KILN

CHC-2018-815-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-816-CE

Council District: 12 - Englander

PROPERTY ADDRESS: El Escorpion Park, between Bell Canyon Road and the intersection of Castle Peak Drive and Woodglade Lane

IN ATTENDANCE:

Albert Knight, Los Angeles-Ventura Cultural Research Alliance, applicant.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of Rancho El Escorpion Lime Kiln under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milofsky and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: BENJAMIN CARRE RESIDENCE

CHC-2018-802-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-803-CE
Council District: 4 - Ryu

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2754 North Woodshire Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Frederica Sainte-Rose, owner; Mitzi March Mogul, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of Benjamin Carre Residence under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SABSAY HOUSE

CHC-2018-776-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-777-CE
Council District: 13 – O’Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2351 North Silver Ridge Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael O’Brien, preparer.

Commissioner Milofsky moved to take the proposed designation of the Sabsay House under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennard, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: J.H. IRVIN APARTMENTS

CHC-2018-792-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-793-CE
Council District: 5 - Koretz

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 105-105-½ South Kings Road;
8360-8366 West 1st Street

IN ATTENDANCE:

Craig Simon, owner representative; Steve Luftman, applicant.

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the J.H. Irvin Apartments under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Milofsky, and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Seconded: Milofsky
Ayes: Barron
Nays: Kanner

Vote: 4 – 1

MOTION PASSED

The Commission took a brief recess at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:55 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

ITEM NO. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: **CBS TELEVISION CITY**

CHC-2018-476-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-477-CE

Council District: 4- Ryu

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7800-7860 West Beverly Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Adrian Scott Fine, Los Angeles Conservancy, applicant; Alan Hess, preparer.

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of CBS Television City under consideration and adopt staff findings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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