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Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
July 5, 2018
200 North Spring Street, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commissioner Barron called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. with Commissioners Buelna, Kanner, Kennard and Milofsky present.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger and Melissa Jones, Planning Assistant from the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Rocky Wiles, City Planner, Commission Office Staff and Cecilia Lamas, Senior Administrative Clerk.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- Last week, the Office of Historic Resources deemed completed the application for the Times Mirror Square, which is the LA Times Complex, at a moment when the LA Time is moving out from its historic home in Los Angeles to new headquarters in El Segundo. The property owner, Onni Development, has been notified of the nomination. The matter has been scheduled for Commission consideration on the meeting of July 19, 2018. Deeming the application complete puts in place the temporary stay on demolition or substantial alterations of the buildings.
- Several Historic-Cultural Monuments received their final City Council approval last week:
 - Corbin Palms Model H-3 House in Woodland Hills
 - Rancho El Escorpion Lime Kiln in West Hills
 - The Benjamin Carre Residence in Hollywoodland
 - The Sabsay House in Silver Lake
 - Cordary Family Residence and Pacific Ready Cut Cottage, 1828 S Gramercy Place
 - CBS Television City
- On October 13, 2018, the Conference for the Los Angeles Historic Neighborhoods will be held co-sponsored by the Office of Historic Resources and the Los Angeles Conservancy. This year's conference will have a special focus on the intersection of housing issues and historic preservation. Citywide HPOZ Awards will be presented recognizing exemplary projects or community engagement efforts within the City's 35 historic districts. The nomination form for those awards will be posted on the Department's web site within the next few days. The submission deadline is August 6, 2018.

The conference will be held at Lincoln High School in Lincoln Heights. Lincoln High School was one of the LAUSD schools that was part of the 1968 East Los Angeles “Blowouts” – the walkouts that became a catalytic event for the Chicano Civil Rights Movement. The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently announced its annual “11 Most Endangered Places National” list, and the Blowout schools made the list. In response to a Commission request for additional information on the subject, Rosaland Sagara of the Los Angeles Conservancy was present and gave a brief presentation on the subject.

Old Business

- There was no update on the Los Angeles Unified School District Historic Schools Investment Fund Board.
- There was no Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork to review.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – There were no planned absences.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – The Commission informed the public of a documentary on the life of John Parkinson on PBS this evening.
- Approval of Minutes.
Commissioner Kannard moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2018 with corrections as stated on the record. Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

President Barron tabled consideration of the Rules of Operating Procedures, to be taken up after Item No. 6.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by any Neighborhood Council representatives.

ITEM NO. 3

APPOINTMENT OF PETER MERLIN AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE CARTHAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM JULY 5, 2018 TO JULY 5, 2022.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the appointment of Peter Merlin as the Member-At-Large to the Carthay Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from July 5, 2018 to July 5, 2022. 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. 4

APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY BROWER KEILBACH AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE EL SERENO-LINCOLN HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM JULY 5, 2018 TO JULY 5, 2022.

MOTION:

Commissioner Buelna moved to approve the appointment of Kimberly Brower Keilbach as the Member-At-Large to the El Sereno-Lincoln Heights Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from July 5, 2018 to July 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennard and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 5

APPOINTMENT OF MIKE MARGOLIN AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE HOLLYWOOD GROVE, MELROSE HILL, WHITLEY HEIGHTS HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM JULY 5, 2018 TO JULY 5, 2022.

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky moved to approve the appointment of Mike Margolin as the Member-At-Large to the Hollywood Grove, Melrose Hill, Whitney Heights Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from July 5, 2018 to July 5, 2022. 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. 6

RE-APPOINTMENT OF LESTER ROSENBERG AS THE MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE CARTHAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY ZONE BOARD FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM FROM JULY 5, 2018 TO JULY 5, 2022.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner moved to approve the re-appointment of Lester Rosenberg as the Member-At-Large to the Carthay Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board for a four year term from July 5, 2018 to July 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

Consideration and adoption of Proposed Rules and Operating Procedures for the Cultural Heritage Commission (Motion Required).

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to adopt the proposed Cultural Heritage Commission Rules and Operating Procedures as modified on the record. 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

President Barron recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened at 11:41 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE MONTECITO

CHC-2018-3233-HCM
CEQA: ENV-2018-3234-CE
Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6650-6668 West Franklin Avenue
1855 North Cherokee Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Gaines, The Law Office of Gaines and Stacy, owner's representative; Celese Thuong, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles; Charles J. Fisher, preparer; Amy Ablakat, Planning Deputy representing the Office of Councilmember O'Farrell

MOTION:

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

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: WINN APARTMENTS

CHC-2018-3235-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-3236-CE

Council District: 11 – Bonin

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 417 South Ocean Front Walk

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carl J. Lambert, owner/applicant; Caroline Raftery, Chattel, Incorporated, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Winn Apartments under consideration and adopt the 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. 9

PROPOSED MONUMENT: STOKES' ANGELUS VISTA TRACT RESIDENCE

CHC-2018-3217-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2018-3218-CE

Council District: 10 – Wesson

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1848 South Gramercy Place

Lambert Giessinger made a correction to the staff report on the record.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Daniel Freedman, Jeffer Mangels Butler and Mitchell, representing the property owner; Margarita Jerabek, Environmental Science Associates and Anne Marie Brooks; Laura Meyers, preparer.

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard moved to deny the application and not declare the Stokes' Angelus Vista Tract Residence an Historic-Cultural Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7, and adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanner, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 10

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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 1:36 p.m.

Richard Barron, President
Cultural Heritage Commission

Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I
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