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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Cultural Heritage Commission Minutes
March 7, 2019
200 North Spring Street, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commissioner Barron called the meeting to order at 10:10 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, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones, Planning Assistant from the Office of Historic Resources; Lucy Atwood, Deputy City Attorney; Cecilia Lamas, Commission Executive Assistant; Rafael Vega, Commission Support Staff.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- The Office of Historic Resources' deadline for submissions to the Mills Act Historical Property Contract program was this past week, and we received 34 applications for our 2019 program. Staff will be evaluating these applications this month against our Priority Consideration Criteria, identifying those properties with the greatest need for this incentive to complete substantial rehabilitation work. And the Commission will have an opportunity later this year to hear any appeals to those determinations, as well as any exemption applications to exceed the Mills Act Ordinance's property valuation limits.
- I am very dismayed to report that there have been two additional fires over the past two weeks at the Pierce Brothers Mortuary, HCM #574, at 720 W. Washington Blvd, in University Park. Our office has been in regular communication with the developer of the property and with Council District 1, which has been coordinating with the leadership of the Code Enforcement Bureau of the Department of Building and Safety on enforcement efforts and options to secure the site more effectively. We brought this to the University Park HPOZ Board meeting on Tuesday evening. We will be having a more detailed discussion of the current state of the property, including plans for reconstruction of the damaged portions, at an upcoming Commission meeting, most likely on March 21.
- On a happier note, you may recall that the Office of Historic Resources received a National Park Service Underrepresented Communities grant to prepare a comprehensive historic context statement for Los Angeles' Asian American communities. That context, a Multiple Property Submission that includes a preservation framework for the City's Japanese American, Chinese American, Korean American, Filipino American and Thai American

communities, has now been officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, our office's nomination of the Filipino Christian Church (now known as Filipino Disciples Christian Church) at 301 N. Union Avenue in Los Angeles has also now been listed in the National Register.

- On Tuesday, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee voted to approve a motion that directs City Planning to prepare a report analyzing California Senate Bill (SB) 50. The motion, co-authored by Councilmembers Koretz and Harris-Dawson, includes a request that City Planning detail the bill's potential impacts, including potential impacts to Historic Preservation Overlay Zones. As a part of its action, the Committee asked Planning to return within 30 days of Council's adoption of the motion. Councilmember Koretz has also introduced a separate resolution requesting that the City take a formal position opposing the bill.
- The Council last week approved the HCM nomination for the Apeta Momonga Mission Trail in Chatsworth. The PLUM Committee put into the record additional information, based on consultations with the Department of Water and Power, acknowledging the necessity of future upgrades to water conveyance infrastructure underneath and along the trail right-of-way.
- The Council this week approved the HCM nomination for the AP Carter Residence, the American Colonial Revival home in Los Feliz.

Old Business

- There was no Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork to review.
- Edgar Khalatian, Mayer Brown, owner's representative, and Keith Nakata and Steven Luftman, Friends of Lytton Savings, gave an update to the Commission on the progress of the preservation of Lytton Savings, Historic-Cultural Monument #1137, located at 8150 Sunset Boulevard.

New Business

- Advance Calendar – Commissioner Kennard announced she will be absent from the June 6, 2019 Commission meeting. Commissioner Milofsky announced he will be absent from the May 16, 2019 Commission meeting. Commissioner Buelna announced she will be absent from the April 4, 2019 Commission meeting.
- Commission Announcements/Request – Commissioner Milofsky requested that the Planning Department provide an update to the Commission on re:code LA.
 - Commissioners Barron and Kennard, the subcommittee that reviewed the new Historic-Cultural Monument application for the previously-declined nomination of the Collins Hacienda located at 5689 West Holly Oak Drive, Council District 4, reported that there was substantial new information that warranted reconsideration and recommended that the application be placed on a future agenda before the full Commission.
 - Commissioners Barron and Kennard, the subcommittee that reviewed the new Historic-Cultural Monument application for the previously-declined nomination of the Hunter Ranch House located at 1309 North Killarney Avenue, Council District 1, reported that there was substantial new information that warranted reconsideration and recommended that the application be placed on a future agenda before the full Commission.

- Approval of the Minutes - Commissioner Kennard moved to approve the minutes of January 10, 2019 and February 7, 2019 with minor corrections. Commissioner Kanner seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no presentations given by the Neighborhood Council representative.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One speaker addressed the Commission during general public comment.

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT: BARNSDALL PARK ARTS CENTER (RESIDENCE A), HCM #33

Informational presentation to provide an update on the rehabilitation project. No action was taken.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4800 Hollywood Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Hsiao-Ling Ting, Architect, Bureau of Engineering, City of Los Angeles; Kevin Jew, Project Restore, Jeffrey Herr, Curator of Hollyhock House, Department of Cultural Affairs; Abbey Brach, Associate Curator, Hollyhock House, Department of Cultural Affairs

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: TOM BERGIN'S

[CHC-2018-5803-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2018-5804-CE
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 4 – Ryu
Last Day to Act: 01-15-19
(60-day extension: 03-16-19)

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 840 South Fairfax Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Adrian Scott Fine, Los Angeles Conservancy and Ken Hixon, Miracle Mile Residential Association, applicants; Andrew Goodrich, Architectural Resources Group, preparer; Derek Schreck and Frank Schreck, owners; Ben Reznik and Daniel Freedman, Jeffer Mangels Butler Mitchell, and Joel Levanetz, ESA, owner's representatives

MOTION:

Commissioner Milofsky put forth the actions below and moved to include Tom Bergin's 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 that the property, conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. 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: Milofsky
Seconded: Kanner
Ayes: Kennard, Buelna, Barron

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: AGFA ANSCO CORPORATION BUILDING

[CHC-2019-589-HCM](#)

CEQA: ENV-2019-590-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council File No. 18-1236

Council District: 13 – O'Farrell

Last Day to Act: 03-12-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6424 West Santa Monica Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Jones, Office of Historic Resources, Department of City Planning; Lannette Schwartz, Hollywood Heritage, preparer

MOTION:

Commissioner Kanner put forth the actions below and moved to include Agfa Ansco Corporation Building 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 that the property, conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kennard, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 9 (WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

PROPOSED MONUMENT: SCHMIDT RESIDENCE

CHC-2019-774-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-775-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Date Deemed Complete: 02-06-19

Last Day to Act: 03-08-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6555 West Franklin Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Winsberg, applicant; Charles J. Fisher, preparer; Frank Medrano, owner; Daniel Freedman, Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell, and Margarita Jerabek, buyer's representatives

MOTION:

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

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

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 7

PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE COMEDY UNION

CHC-2019-853-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-854-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Wesson Jr.

Date Deemed Complete: 02-11-19

Last Day to Act: 03-13-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5040 West Pico Boulevard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Jones, Office of Historic Resources, Department of City Planning; Lannette Schwartz, Hollywood Heritage, preparer

MOTION:

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include The Comedy Union 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 that the property, conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 22.171.7;
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and designate the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument; and
4. Adopt the staff report findings as the findings of the Commission.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buelna, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

ITEM NO. 8

PROPOSED MONUMENT: PARRY RESIDENCE

CHC-2019-776-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2019-777-CE

Plan Area: Brentwood – Pacific Palisades

Council District: 11 – Bonin

Date Deemed Complete: 02-06-19

Last Day to Act: 03-08-19

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 14924 West Camarosa Drive

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ignacio Fernandez, preparer; Maria Gabriel, owner's representative

MOTION:


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

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


Vote: 5 - 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.



Richard Barron, President
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Etta Armstrong, Commission Executive Assistant I
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