

**Cultural Heritage Commission**  
**Official Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2019**  
200 North Spring Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Commission President Richard Barron called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard and Commissioner Diane Kanner in attendance. Commissioners Pilar Buelna and Barry Milofsky were absent.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Lambert Giessinger, Preservation Architect, and Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate representing the Office of Historic Resources; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; James Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II; and Bianca Gonzalez, Office Trainee.

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**ITEM NO. 1**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner reported the following:

- The Office of Historic Resources' Asian-Americans in Los Angeles Historic Content Statements will receive a Preservation Award from the Los Angeles Conservancy, at its Awards Luncheon on July 25, 2019.
- SB-50, a bill that will create incentives for housing development around transit stations, was merged with SB-4. The bill was amended to include a provision that incentives under SB-50 do not apply to Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZ) that were adopted before 2010.
- City Council approved the Historic Cultural Monument for the AGFA ANSCO Corporation Building and PLUM approved initiation of the HCM process for the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church where Aretha Franklin recorded her gospel album "Amazing Grace".

**Old Business**

- Review and Advisory Concurrence of Proposed Historic-Cultural Monument Plaque Artwork. Lambert Giessinger presented a Plaque Artwork for the AP Carter Residence.

**New Business**

- Advance Calendar – Commissioner Kennard has a planned to be absent from the September 19, 2019 Cultural Heritage Commission meeting.
  - Commission Announcements/Request – Commissioner Barron reserved a table for the Commission and staff at the LA Conservancy Awards Luncheon.
  - Approval of the Minutes – Commission President Barron postponed the minutes of March 7, 2019 and April 18, 2019 to the following meeting.
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**ITEM NO. 2**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

There were no presentations.

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**ITEM NO. 3**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Two speakers addressed the Commission.

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**ITEM NO. 4**

**MONUMENT: PIERCE BROTHERS MORTUARY, HCM #574**

Plan Area: South Los Angeles

Council District: 1 – Cedillo

An update presentation.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

John Lesak and Troy Raisanen of Page and Turnbull; Hugh Martinez, Owner; and Gerald Gubatan, Planning Director, representing Council District One

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**ITEM NO. 5**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: THE COMEDY UNION**

**CHC-2019-853-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-854-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 10 – Wesson  
Last Day to Act: 5-21-19

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 5040 West Pico Boulevard

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mary Ringhoff, Architectural Resources Group, representing the Applicant Margot Gerber, The Art Deco Society of Los Angeles

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kanner 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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Commission President Barron called these agenda items in the following order:

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**ITEM NO. 9**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: ORANGE STREET GATEWAY CHATEAUX SOUTH**

**CHC-2019-2307-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-2308-CE  
Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 – Koretz  
Date Deemed Complete: 4-18-19  
Last Day to Act: 5-18-19

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 6400 West Orange Street; 655-657 South La Jolla Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Steven Luftman, Applicant; Sheri Bonstelle, JMBM representing Bahram Eghbali and Esmat Mahmoodi, Owners

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Orange Street Gateway Chateaux South under consideration and adopt the findings of the staff report.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 10**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: ORANGE STREET GATEWAY CHATEAUX NORTH**

**CHC-2019-2309-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-2310-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 – Koretz

Date Deemed Complete: 4-18-19

Last Day to Act: 5-18-19

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 6401 West Orange Street; 621-623 South La Jolla Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Steven Luftman, Applicant; Charles Rubin, Owner; and Sheri Bonstelle, JMBM

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kanner moved to take the proposed designation of the Orange Street Gateway Chateaux North under consideration and adopt the findings of the staff report.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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Commissioner Barron recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:56 a.m. with Commissioners Kanner, Kennard and Barron in attendance.

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**ITEM NO. 7**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: GREEN DOG & CAT HOSPITAL**

**CHC-2019-1120-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-1121-CE

Council District: 8 – Harris-Dawson

Last Day to Act: 6-4-19

Plan Area: South Los Angeles

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1544 West Slauson Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Margot Gerber, Art Deco Society of Los Angeles, Applicant; Mary Ringhoff, Architectural Resources Group, Preparer; Madhu and Dina Bahl, Owners

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kennard put forth the actions below and moved to include the Green Dog & Cat Hospital 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 whether the property conforms with the definition of a Monument pursuant to LAAC Section 22.171.7; and
3. Recommend that the City Council consider and declare the subject property a Historic-Cultural Monument.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 8**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: MILLER RESIDENCE**

**CHC-2019-2304-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-2305-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Date Deemed Complete: 4-18-19

Last Day to Act: 5-18-19

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 5060 Los Feliz Boulevard

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Eric Eisenberg and Mariann Gatto, Owner/Applicants; Damian Gatto, LA Relics

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Miller Residence under consideration and adopt the findings of the staff report.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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**ITEM NO. 6**

**PROPOSED MONUMENT: SCHMIDT RESIDENCE**

**CHC-2019-774-HCM**

CEQA: ENV-2019-775-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Ryu

Last Day to Act: 5-21-19

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 6555 West Franklin Avenue

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Charles J. Fisher, Preparer; Louisa Van Lear, Architect; Susan Winsberg, Applicant; Frank Medrano and Elizabeth Mellor, Owners

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Kanner moved to **not** take the proposed designation of the Schmidt Residence under consideration and adopt the findings of the staff report.

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

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

**Vote: 3 – 0**

**MOTION PASSED**

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There being no further business to come before the Cultural Heritage Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.



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Richard Barron, President  
Cultural Heritage Commission



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James K. Williams, Commission Executive Assistant II  
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