



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
Council Chamber  
455 North Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

## **CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

April 15, 2019  
1:30 PM

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date/Time: April 15, 2019 / 1:31 PM

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Corman, Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Mark Odell, Reina Kapadia, Karen Myron, David Snow, Jan Ostashay (City Historic Consultant)

*Chair Waldow acknowledged the fire that was currently underway at the historic Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, and asked for a moment of supportive silence for the people of France, and the firefighters battling the blaze.*

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Speakers: Tom Roberts

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **1. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Consideration of Minutes of the Cultural Heritage Commission regular meeting of January 9, 2019.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Furie, SECONDED by Commissioner Collins to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Corman, Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow  
NOES: None

CARRIED

## REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

### 2. ARTS AND CULTURE ORDINANCE

Presentation by a representative from the City's Community Services Department regarding the proposal to expand the charge of the Fine Arts Commission to encompass arts and culture, including the creation of an advisory committee consisting of members from the City Council, Fine Art Commission, Recreation and Parks Commission, and Cultural Heritage Commission.

Assistant Director of Community Services Pam Shinault provided an introduction to the proposed Arts and Culture Ordinance. Consultant Karen Constine provided additional information about the proposed priorities, responsibilities, programming, and the potential opportunities for the Cultural Heritage Commission's involvement.

## PRESENTATIONS

### • WAVERLY MANSION

Presentation of a Beverly Hills Historic Landmark Plaque by the Cultural Heritage Commission to the property owner of Landmark No. 9, Waverly Mansion, located on Sunset Boulevard.

Chair Waldow, Vice Chair Pynoos, and Commissioners Furie and Corman presented the Beverly Hills Historic Landmark #9 Plaque to Commissioner Collins, the property owner of Waverly Mansion.

## CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 3. 1100 CAROLYN WAY

#### Landmark Initiation

Initiation of Nomination Proceedings for inclusion onto the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties for the property located at 1100 Carolyn Way

*Ex Parte Communications: Commissioner Furie disclosed visiting the property on more than one occasion in the past five to six years, to speak with the owner regarding the benefits of Landmark designation.*

Project Planner: Mark Odell, Urban Designer  
Owner Representative: John Locasio  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Furie, SECONDED by Vice Chair Pynoos to initiate nomination proceedings for inclusion on the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Corman, Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow

NOES: None

CARRIED

**4. 1100 CAROLYN WAY**

**Preliminary Hearing**

Preliminary Hearing for the property at 1100 Carolyn Way to determine whether the property merits formal consideration for nomination onto the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties

*Ex Parte Communications were previously disclosed in Item #3.*

Project Planner: Mark Odell, Urban Designer  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Pynoos, SECONDED by Commissioner Collins to find that sufficient evidence exists to preliminarily conclude that the property at 1100 Carolyn Way satisfies the applicable landmark designation criteria in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Corman, Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow

NOES: None

CARRIED

**5. 1119 SAN YSIDRO DRIVE**

**Preliminary Hearing**

Preliminary Hearing for the property at 1119 San Ysidro Drive to determine whether the property merits formal consideration for nomination onto the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties

*Ex Parte Communications: None*

Project Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner  
Owner Representative: Elisa Paster  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Pynoos, SECONDED by Commissioner Collins to preliminarily conclude that the property at 1119 San Ysidro Drive satisfies the applicable landmark designation criteria in the Beverly Hills Municipal Code (4-1).

AYES: Commissioners Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow  
NOES: Commissioner Corman

CARRIED

6. **CONTINUED CONSIDERATION FOR THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY MEMBER STATUS FOR FORMER CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS**
7. At the request of the Cultural Heritage Commission, a limited role for outgoing Commissioners to remain in service regarding historic preservation issues has been drafted for the Commission's final consideration.

Project Planner: Mark Odell, Urban Designer  
Project Applicant: Commission-Initiated  
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Furie, SECONDED by Vice Chair Pynoos to adopt the resolution as amended, and to direct staff to consider the City's policy regarding the issuance of business cards and any other relevant policies to ensure the Advisory Member program is compliant (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Corman, Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow  
NOES: None

CARRIED

*The Commission took a recess at 2:56 PM.*

*The Commission reconvened at 3:06 PM.*

**STUDY SESSION**

**8. PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE CITY'S LIST OF MASTER ARCHITECTS**

At the request of the Cultural Heritage Commission, a number of names have been analyzed for possible inclusion onto the List of Master Architects

Project Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner  
Public Input: Tom Roberts

The Commission received the staff report and public comment, and provided direction (with votes noted) to make the following changes to the City's List of Master Architects:

- J.R. Davidson Add to List (5-0)
- George Vernon Russell Add to List (5-0)
- Allen Siple Consider later after additional research (5-0)
- Robert Langdon & Ernest Wilson Add to List (5-0)
- Horatio Bishop Do not add to List (3-2)

- o Steven Ehrlich                      Add to List (5-0)
- o O'Neil Ford                         Add to List (5-0)
- o Thornton Abel                     Add to List (5-0)
- o Samuel Marx                       Add to List (4-1)
- o Silas Burns                         Add to List (5-0)

Motion:                                MOVED by Chair Waldow, SECONDED by Commissioner Corman to amend the City's List of Master Architects consistent with the individual votes on each Architect or team (5-0).

AYES:                                 Commissioners Corman, Collins, Furie, Vice Chair Pynoos, Chair Waldow

NOES:                                 None

**CARRIED**

**9. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF A PERMANENT MILLS ACT PROGRAM**

Preliminary review of a proposed permanent Mills Act Program, a financial incentive for the maintenance and rehabilitation of qualified historic properties

Project Planner:                      Mark Odell, Urban Designer  
Public Input:                         None

Urban Designer Mark Odell provided a report explaining the background of the Mills Act as a State program, its intent, and the Mills Act Contracts currently in place in the City.

Staff received the Commission's comments on the proposed permanent Mills Act Program, and will bring the item back for further discussion at a future meeting.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

*Citing status as a member of the Temple Emanuel Board of Directors, Commissioner Furie abstained from the discussion on Item #9, and left the dais at 4:22 PM. As the item was provided for informative purposes only, Commissioner Furie remained in the audience to observe the discussion.*

**10. 8844 BURTON WAY**

Update to the Cultural Heritage Commission regarding the Certificate of Ineligibility application for the Temple Emanuel Youth Center Building at 8844 Burton Way

Project Planner:                      Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner  
Project Applicant:                    Historic Resources Group (HRG)  
Public Input:                         Tom Roberts

The Commission received the staff report and public comment. Chair Waldow noted that as this item was provided for informational purposes only, no direction from the Commission was provided.

*Commissioner Furie returned to the dais at 4:37 PM.*

## **11. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT LOG**

- Received and filed

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

- Chair Waldow requested an update on the status of the Historic Resources Survey. Staff advised that the survey is currently on hold, per the September 2018 direction of the Historic Resources Survey Subcommittee. Chair Waldow indicated preference for the survey to move forward.
- Vice Chair Pynoos provided an update from the Jacob Jonas photo shoot, and advised of their upcoming events in May at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts.
- Commissioner Collins noted the transition of the Fine Art Commission to the Arts and Culture Commission, and expressed interest in participating in applicable discussions as a representative of the Cultural Heritage Commission.
- Chair Waldow thanked Vice Chair Pynoos for all of the work she has done for the Cultural Heritage Commission, and her fierce dedication to the mission of the Commission.
- Vice Chair Pynoos thanked fellow Commissioners for their hard work and collaboration, and reflected on her years of service on the Commission.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

- **Urban Designer Updates**
  - **Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**
    - Urban Designer Mark Odell briefed the Commission on the recent discussions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee. The Commissioners were invited to send specific comments on any potential changes to the Ordinance to staff; the item will be returning at a future meeting for further discussion of certain elements.
  - The City Council recently approved the Golden Shield recognition program.
  - Restoration of the Doheny Fountain continues, and placement of some portions of the fountain has taken place. A celebration for the completion of the restoration of Beverly Gardens Park is tentatively planned for the end of May, 2019.
  - The Annual California Preservation Conference will take place May 8-11 in Palm Springs; Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to staff for assistance with registration if they are interested in attending.

## **12. 2019 Draft Meeting Schedule**

- Received and filed

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date / Time: April 15, 2019 / 5:15 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY of JULY, 2019



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Noah Furie, Chair