



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

July 10, 2019
1:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 10, 2019 / 1:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER KIMBERLY REISS

New Commissioner Kimberly Reiss was sworn in by City Clerk Huma Ahmed

ROLL CALL

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

Communications from the Audience were taken subsequent to item #5 on the agenda.

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: Carole Okun

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 special meeting of April 15, 2019.

Absent objection from the Commission and by Order of the Chair, the minutes were approved as presented.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. 9171 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Landmark Initiation

Initiation of Nomination Proceedings for inclusion onto the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties for the property located at 9171 Wilshire Boulevard

Ex Parte Communications: None

Project Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner
Property Representatives: John LoCascio, AIA, Historic Resources Group
Public Input: None

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

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

3. 9171 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Preliminary Hearing

Preliminary Hearing for the property at 9171 Wilshire Boulevard to determine whether the property merits formal consideration for nomination onto the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties

Ex Parte Communications: None

Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Waldow, SECONDED by Vice Chair Collins to find that sufficient evidence exists to preliminarily conclude that the property satisfies the applicable landmark designation criteria, and to direct staff to bring the property forward for formal consideration by the Commission (5-0).

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

CARRIED

4. 8554 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD

Certificate of Appropriateness and Sign Accommodation (PL1900260)

Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Modifications to a Designated Landmark and Multiple Sign Accommodations to allow Business Identification Signs and Signage to face private property for the "Fine Arts Ahrya Theater" at 8554 Wilshire Boulevard, a Landmark listed on the Beverly Hills Register of Historic Properties. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental quality Act (CEQA), the Cultural Heritage Commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Ex Parte Communications: None

Project Planner: Mark Odell, Urban Designer
Project Applicant: Shawn Far, Property Owner
Applicant Team: Laura O'Neill, Holly Desrosiers
Public Input: Marcia Hobbs

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Corman, SECONDED by Vice Chair Collins to adopt the resolution as amended, and to authorize the Chair to finalize language in the resolution as appropriate (5-0).

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

CARRIED

5. GOLDEN SHIELD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Review of the preliminary selections for the program to recognize sites and buildings that have cultural significance within the City. Pursuant to the provisions set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Cultural Heritage commission will also consider finding the project exempt from further review under CEQA.

Ex Parte Communications: None

Project Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner
Project Applicant: Commission-initiated
Public Input: Phil Savenick

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Corman, SECONDED by Commissioner Reiss to adopt the resolution nominating the Dona Maria Rita Valdez de Villa Homestead as a site of cultural importance to be awarded the Golden Shield Cultural Recognition plaque, as amended (5-0).

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

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Waldow, SECONDED by Commissioner Reiss to adopt the resolution nominating the Original Lawry's Restaurant as a site of cultural importance to be awarded the Golden Shield Cultural Recognition plaque, as amended (5-0).

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

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Reiss, SECONDED by Vice Chair Collins to adopt the resolution nominating the Giorgio Beverly Hills Boutique as a site of cultural importance to be awarded the Golden Shield Cultural Recognition plaque, as amended (5-0).

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

CARRIED

STUDY SESSION

6. REVIEW OF A PERMANENT MILLS ACT PROGRAM

Continued review and discussion 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
Project Applicant: City-initiated
Public Input: Mark Elliot

The Commission received the staff report and public comment, and provided direction to staff. The next step is to bring the Commission's recommendation to the City Council Liaisons for feedback and/or additional direction.

7. PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE CITY'S LIST OF MASTER ARCHITECTS

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

Project Planner: Reina Kapadia, AICP, Associate Planner
Public Input: None

Motion: MOVED by Chair Furie, SECONDED by Commissioner Waldow to add Allen Siple and Robert Kennard, FAIA, to the City's List of Master Architects (5-0).

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

8. REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROJECTS OF THE COMMISSION'S STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

An overview of the standing subcommittees' and ad hoc committees' goals, objectives, and memberships with an opportunity for the Commission to discuss.

Public Input: None

The Commission received the updated list of Standing Subcommittee and Ad Hoc Committee assignments and proceeded without objection.

9. HONORARY NAMING OF SELECTED STREETS AND INTERSECTIONS

At the request of the City Council and Cultural Heritage Commission Liaison Committee, the Commission will discuss recommendations for future honorary naming of selected streets and intersections.

Project Planner: Mark Odell, Urban Designer

Public Input: None

Absent objection from the Commission, Chair Furie assigned discussion of the item to the Historic Preservation Ordinance Update Ad Hoc Committee, before returning to the City Council Liaisons for further discussion and feedback.

PROJECT UPDATES

10. Historic Preservation Project Log

- Received and filed

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

- Subcommittee Reports
 - Commissioner Waldow provided a brief update from the Historic Resources Survey Committee
 - Chair Furie expressed interest in seeing forward movement regarding fee reductions

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

- **Urban Designer Updates**

- Staff provided updates on the following:
 - Properties at 1035 Summit Drive, 1100 Carolyn Way, and 1119 San Ysidro Drive are currently under review for possible Historic Incentive Permits.
 - Staff has submitted to the California Preservation Foundation, an application for a Preservation Design Award for the City's renovation and rehabilitation of Beverly Gardens Park.
 - The Ahmanson Bank & Trust Building at 9145 Wilshire Boulevard, which is Local Landmark No. 26, is now owned and will be occupied by Chabad of Beverly Hills. A restoration plan is expected to be received by the City within the next year.
 - The Gibraltar Square – Kate Mantilini Building at 9101-9111 Wilshire Boulevard, which is Local Landmark No. 30, currently has an application under review that is requesting conversion of the tower into a hotel with associated hotel amenities, and to reoccupy the Kate Mantilini space as a restaurant associated with the hotel.


11. 2019 Meeting Schedule

- Received and filed

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: July 10, 2019 / 5:03 PM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2ND DAY of OCTOBER, 2019



Noah Furie, Chair