



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chair Ostergren called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Vice-Chair Ostergren, Blaivas, Bonacci, Allison, Torgan and Levin

Absent: Chair Charlie

STAFF PRESENT: Antonio Castillo, HPC Liaison/Associate Planner and Sharita Ellies, Commission Secretary
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
The Historic Preservation Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.
Recommendation: Approve the agenda of Tuesday, May 26, 2015 as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Levin, seconded by Commissioner Torgan and unanimously carried.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
The Historic Preservation Commission is requested to approve the minutes of prior Historic Preservation Commission meetings.
Recommendation: Approve the meeting minutes of, April 27, 2015 as amended. **Moved by Commissioner Levin seconded by Commissioner and Torgan unanimously carried.**
5. **Public Comment:**

JESSE SLANSKY, DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION AND RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES invited members of the Commission and the public to an open house event scheduled for June 16, 2015 at the Laurel/Norton Apartments Community Room, 1217 N. Laurel Avenue, West Hollywood California.

Item 5.A. Public Comment Closed
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
7. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. 1330 N. HARPER AVENUE (EL PASADERO):** Continued discussion item concerning correct name of Architect of the El Pasadero.

COMMISSIONER ALLEGRA ALLISON recused herself from the conversation due to conflict of interest.

HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO spoke on the subject of the proposed Bed & Breakfast project, currently known as the El Pasadero. He said the question of concern regarding the building was if the City's records accurately document the architect attributed to the development.

He said current documentation list Author W. Haas as the architect but it was also discovered that Jason and Irene Reese are recorded as the architect as well.

He said the information was derived from information adopted by the City Council upon approval of the building as a Cultural Resource as well as information from NPS nomination and designation with the National Register.

He said Staff's previous position was that the City records identify Author W. Haas as the architect however; there are other external sources and documentation that indicate Jason and Irene Reese.

THE COMMISSION AND STAFF discussed the existing documentation and material researched to determine the accuracy concerning Architects Haas and Reese.

COMMISSIONER BLAIVAS provided information regarding a Halifax report completed by Christy McAvoy which lists Jason and Irene Reese as the Architects.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN recommended contacting the officer that originally wrote the nomination application, research previous permits dating back to 1930's and possibly a L.A. Times Archive search.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN said she'd research the Avery Index and provide information a later date.

HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO said Staff will conduct additional research as well and provide information at a later date concerning the nomination with the National Register conducted by Lauren Bricker and Christy McAvoy of the Historic Resources Group.

Action: Members of the Commission and Staff will conduct further research and return with additional information at a future meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. PRESERVATION MONTH EVENT:

The Historic Preservation Commission and Staff discussed updates regarding potential options for the annual 2015 Historic Preservation Month event continued from last month's meeting and has since been discussed at two Subcommittee meetings.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMISSIONER ALLEGRA ALLISON said the committee selected a fiesta theme which will possibly include the history of the LGBT and West Hollywood's Cityhood.

She said the committee is currently researching restaurants, décor, and the program and said Long Hall will not be available due to a previous commitment.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMISSIONER CATHY BLAIVAS interjected that the event will be primarily held in the Courtyard.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN said the event will generally showcase Great Hall/Long Hall and present the importance of its history to the community.

She said the Committee is open to suggestions and said Plummer Park has a great history; was important resource to the historic WPA, birthplace of the City and to ACT UP which is information that should be shared with others.

HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO commented regarding the existing amenities within each facility, parking availability and necessary permits.

THE COMMISSION AND STAFF discussed proposed dates for the event and recommended Wednesday, July 22nd as primary and July 21st as a back-up date; to be confirmed at the next meeting of the HPC.

Item 10.A. Public Comment:

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWCIZ, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in support of the Commission and Staff's proposed plans towards the annual HPC event to be held at Plummer Parks Great Hall/Long Hall.

STEPHANIE HARKER RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in support of the proposed plans for the annual HPC event and requested to be exactly quoted as stating, "Yippee".

Item 10.A. Public Comment Closed.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO provided the following updates:

- Workshop hosted by City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles Conservancy and West Hollywood's Preservation Alliance was inadvertently stated as scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2015 but is in fact scheduled for Saturday, July 25th. Further details available at the Conservancy's website.
- 826 N. Kings Road project. City Council's decision to remand the project back to the Historic Preservation and subsequently to the Planning Commission to further address Staff and Applicant issues.
 - COMMISSIONER LEVIN requested specific direction regarding the role of the HPC concerning City Councils decision.
- Float for Council, Boards and Commission members at during the L.A. Pride event.
- Interviews for HPC Intern to commence next week; expecting to fill position within two weeks.
- Commercial Survey RFP scheduled to be released Friday, May 29, 2015 and provided copies of the RFP to the Commission. Submit questions or concerns to Staff prior to release date.
 - Request to create ADHOC subcommittee as listed in scope of RFP pending due to current status of Commissioners appointments. To be added to July 2015 agenda.

12. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER BLAIVAS commented in support of the status of the Commercial Building Survey and the upcoming Historic Preservation Commission event.

She thanked previous speakers for their commitment to volunteer with completion of the survey and expressed concerns regarding the importance of the HPC's input towards preservation of the City's historic structures.

COMMISSIONER BONACCI commented in support of the annual Historic Preservation Commission event to be held at Great Hall/Long Hall.

COMMISSIONER ALLISON commented in support of the Commercial Building Survey and upcoming nominations for City Council.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN also commented in support of the Commercial Building Survey which has been an ongoing effort requested by the Commission for the past several years.

Item 12.A. Historic Preservation Commissioner Comments closed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

STEPHANIE HARKER RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD commented in support of the Commercial Building Survey and recommends that the Residential Survey be revisited due to proposed demolition projects and the threat of demolition to others within the City of West Hollywood.

She requested that the HPC meeting be adjourned in memory of Tom Yamashita, resident of the Detroit Bungalow.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWCIZ, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD expressed concerns regarding 826 Kings Road project, the Detroit Bungalows and support of the upcoming open house event to be held at the Laurel/Norton Apartments.

Item 13.A. Public Comment Closed.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN requested out of order to Item 11.A. an update regarding the status of Historic Preservation Incentives.

HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO said he would bring an update regarding the status of the Commission's request for HPC Incentives to the next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: *The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:57 pm in memory of Tom Yamashita resident of the Detroit Bungalows to a regular scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission **Monday, June 22, 2015, 7:00 P.M.** at Plummer Park – 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.*

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 22nd DAY OF JUNE 2015.



VICE-CHAIR GAIL OSTERGREN

ATTEST:



HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO

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