



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: The Commission appointed Commissioner Levin unanimously as Acting Chair in absence of Chair Charlie and Vice-Chair Ostergren

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Acting-Chair Levin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Blaivas, Bonacci, Allison, and Levin

Absent: Chair Charlie, Vice-Chair Ostergren and Commissioner Torgan

STAFF PRESENT: Antonio Castillo, HPC Liaison and Sharita Ellies, Commission Secretary

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Historic Preservation Commission is requested to approve the Agenda.

Recommendation: Approve the agenda of Monday, June 22, 2015 as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Allison, seconded by Commissioner Blaivas and unanimously carried noting the absence of Chair Charlie, Vice-Chair Ostergren and Commissioner Torgan.**

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, May 26, 2015 as amended. **Moved by Commissioner Allison seconded by Commissioner and Blaivas unanimously carried noting the absence of Chair Charlie, Vice-Chair Ostergren and Commissioner Torgan.**

5. **Public Comment:**

DAN MORIN, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD expressed concerns regarding historic architecture discussed in the YouTube video of Irving John Gill's Dodge House/A Legacy of Beauty and Invention.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWCIZ, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke regarding previous comments stated during the May 26, 2015 HPC meeting by Victor Omelczenko and Commissioner Donna Saur of the Public Facilities Commission regarding abandoned buildings within West Hollywood. He requested that tonight's HPC meeting be adjourned in memory of Eric Von Young.

STEPHANIE HARKER, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD publicly acknowledged Mayor Pro Tempore Meister and

Scott Schmidt for their contribution towards obtaining the historic plaque for Great Hall/Long Hall.

She also thanked the members of the HPC for their support towards preservation and designation of the structure as well. She too commented regarding the previously demolished Dodge House noting comments from Bruce Kaye, late member of the HPC.

KATE EGGERT, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD welcomed Commissioners Blaivas and Bonacci to the Commission. She spoke regarding her recommendation to the LGBT to obtain history kiosks similar to existing ones in downtown Los Angeles.

She spoke regarding the history of The Factory and an 8-to-2 vote by Council to save the building. She said LGBT will continue the discussion at the next meeting and invited the HPC to share in the discussion.

Item 5.A. Public Comment Closed

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
7. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
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.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMISSIONER CATHY BLAIVAS and members for the subcommittee discussed and confirmed the event will be held at Great Hall/Long Hall, with a Fiesta theme, date confirmed for July 22nd, and from 7-9pm.

The committee has started the preparation of the flyer and was recently advised to incorporate the WeHo at 30 year celebration as one of the primary focuses of the event.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMISSIONER ALLEGRA ALLISON said the committee is presently working out the details of the venue and necessary permits and bringing forward the history of the historic events held at Great Hall/Long Hall.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER COMMISSIONER CATHY BLAIVAS stated potential guest speakers and presentations.

STAFF LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO reiterated the importance of emphasizing the event as a celebration and opportunity to educate others regarding West Hollywood's thirty-year history of preservation and Cityhood.

He said the event will be advertised via social media and there will be a press release. He said Liaison Staff will be the point of contact regarding advertising. He advised that he'd be out of the office and former HPC Liaison; Stephanie Reich/Urban Designer will be the point of contact in his absence.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

HPC LIAISON ANTONIO CASTILLO provided the following updates:

- Multi-Family Incentives: The Consultant is currently researching options and resources to best fit the preservation needs of West Hollywood and explained the upcoming segments of each entity involved.

He said the proposed goal is to complete the process by end of year and will request that Staff provide a detailed schedule to the HPC.

- Requests for proposals for the Citywide Survey closed Friday, June 19, 2015.
- New HPC Intern, Hannah Fong presently serves as HPC Intern for the City of Los Angeles, worked with Survey L.A. and previously with Architectural Resource Group (ARG).
- The Historic Plaque for Great Hall/Long Hall has been ordered as recommended by City Council.
- Landmark This! workshop co-hosted by City of West Hollywood, the Los Angeles Conservancy and West Hollywood Preservation Alliance will be held Saturday, July 25th at Fiesta Hall.

Time tentatively set from 9am-12pm.; announcements forthcoming via the Conservancy's website.

12. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER BLAIVAS commented in support of the members of the public and looks forward to the support towards the upcoming HPC Event. And expressed gratitude for those involved in obtaining the Historic Plaque for Great Hall/Long Hall.

COMMISSIONER ALLISON said she supports the historic kiosk idea previously discussed by Kate Eggert as well as the efforts

of educating the public regarding the designation process which will be discussed at the Landmark This workshop.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN thanked the Subcommittee for their work with the HPC event.

Item 12.A. Historic Preservation Commissioner Comments closed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

DAN MORIN, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke concerning previous comments regarding the History of The Factory. He said he has memorabilia if needed.

Item 13.A. Public Comments Closed.

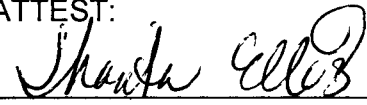
ADJOURNMENT: *The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:38 pm in memory of Eric Von Young to a regular scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission **Monday, July 27, 2015, 7:00 P.M.** at Plummer Park – 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.*

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 27th DAY OF JULY 2015.



CHAIR YAWAR CHARLIE

ATTEST:



HPC SECRETARY SHARITA ELLIES

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