



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chair Ostergren called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioners Blaivas, Bonacci, Allison, Levin and Vice-Chair Ostergren

ABSENT: Chair Charlie and Commissioner Anthony

STAFF PRESENT: Rachel Dimond HPC Liaison, and Sharita Ellies, Commission Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Teresa Grimes, GPA Consultant and Allison Lyons GPA Consultant
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is requested to approve the meeting agenda.*

**Recommendation:** Approve the meeting agenda of Monday, June 27, 2016 as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Levin, seconded by Commissioner Allison and unanimously carried; noting the absence of Commissioner Chair Charlie and Commissioner Anthony.**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

MICHAEL WOJKIELEWICZ, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke out of order concerning Item 10.A. Commercial Historic Resources Survey. He expressed concerns regarding page sixty-nine, paragraph two that addressed the drive for West Hollywood's incorporation. He also expressed concerns regarding changes and massive redevelopment within the City.

STEPHANIE HARKER, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD submitted for public record a photograph of a previously proposed redevelopment project to Fiesta Hall and acknowledged previous community support of preserving Plummer Park. She expressed concerns about the importance of preserving other historic sites such as Plummer Park within the City.
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
7. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. COMMERCIAL HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY:** The Historic Preservation Commission will receive its first overview of the draft Commercial Historic Resources Survey document and revised project schedule. The draft survey includes the Historic Context Statement and a list of designated and potential cultural resources.

STAFF RACHEL DIMOND, HPC LIAISON opened discussion Item 10.A. She explained the purpose of the item that includes a draft context statement, revised schedule and survey document. She said there is a new Historic Preservation website that will be presented at the August 2016 HPC meeting and turned the presentation over to GPA Consultants, Teresa Grimes and Allison Lyons.

TERESA GRIMES, GPA CONSULTANT gave a PowerPoint presentation of information listed in the staff report of June 27, 2016 regarding the Citywide Commercial Historic Resources Survey.

She addressed the draft context statement and provided an update regarding the status of the commercial survey. She said the project consists of three components: historic context statement, historic resources survey and development of a website. She noted pending sections of the survey to be added at a later date.

She said the draft context statement was previously reviewed and responses noted. She said the HPC and members of the public are requested to provide feedback of the draft context statement to be included in the final draft that will be presented at the August 2016 HPC meeting.

ALLISON LYONS, GPA CONSULTANT briefly discussed information from the historic context statement and associated property types section of the survey (Exhibit C. Pg.12).

She discussed the following headings:

- Sherman and Adjacent County Lands 1895 – 1925
- West Hollywood 1926 – World War II
- Postwar West Hollywood 1946 – 1965
- Modern West Hollywood 1966 – 1984

TERESA GRIMES, GPA CONSULTANT addressed proposed data to be included in the historic resources survey primarily consisting of non-

residential properties that include some industrial and institutional properties for the period of 1895 – 1975.

She said data will also be added for residential properties designated and previously surveyed. She said the data entry component of the survey will be completed by the end of June 2016 and the final survey completed by July 2016.

She discussed and solicited feedback concerning data relating to the seven-hundred properties reviewed within the survey and the contents/functions of the proposed website.

She said GPA is currently conducting property specific research for a potential historic district and will conduct other property specific researches as well.

She asked the Commission to recommend properties that may have been missed or overlooked. She said the database will contain designated landmarks on the national, state and local level (both residential and commercial) explained data search engines, inventory forms and additional projected completion dates.

**Item 10.A Commissioner Questions:**

COMMISSIONER CATHY BLAIVAS asked if there will be help tools and/or staff to assist with website.

COMMISSIONER EDWARD LEVIN asked to what extent properties in adjacent cities were addressed within the context statement.

COMMISSIONER ALLEGRA ALLISON asked why Fiesta Hall was omitted as a local listing and why Great Hall Long Hall was omitted from national listing sections of the report.

TERESA GRIMES, GPA CONSULTANT requested access to the Great Hall Long Hall national nomination to add to the database.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN asked if the Commission would be submitting input on the website at tonight's meeting and for clarification of forthcoming sections of the survey.

**Item 10.A Commissioner Questions Closed**

**Item 10.A Public Comment:**

KEVIN BURTON, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD completed a citizen position slip, in lieu of speaking in support of Item 10.A.

MICHAEL WOJTKIELEWICZ, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in favor of staff's recommendation and addressed information listed on pages twelve and sixty-nine of the report. He

suggested that maps of evolving streets be added to the report, requested corrections be made to photo captions on pages 17, 22, and 50.

ROY OLDENKAMP, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in favor of staff's recommendation but also expressed concerns regarding expanding the report to include additional context and sites.

STEPHANIE HARKER, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in favor of staff's recommendation but also expressed concerns regarding adding sites and the oversight of Fiesta Hall to the potential list of resources.

STEPHEN MARTIN, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in favor of staff's recommendation and also expressed concerns regarding the oversight of Fiesta Hall and Great Hall Long Hall. He recommended adding the history of Plummer Park and "why and how" Santa Monica Boulevard was developed to the survey and asked that the description of the eastside as, "Little Amsterdam" be stricken from the context statement.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESERVATION ALLIANCE submitted a document for public record, spoke in favor of staff's recommendation and expressed concerns regarding adding address/property information for the Sunset Specific Plan, Pink Taco, Cabo Cantina, the Worley Building and Fiesta Hall to the survey.

**Item 10.A Public Comment Closed.**

**Item 10.A Commissioner Comments:**

COMMISSIONER LEVIN spoke in favor of the website but also said designer Leland Bryant, should be added to the Harper Avenue National Register District section of Item 10.A. Exhibit B, Historic Preservation Website Design. Commissioner Allison said Jason and Ivy Reece should be added as well.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN suggested adding information for owners regarding the benefits of designating their properties as a cultural resource to the website.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND CONSULTANTS addressed corrections and additions to the following sections of the Historic Context Statement:

- Farms And Trains – Sherman Gets Its Start - Page 12
- Queen of the Foothills - Page 15, 17
- The Birth Of The Motion Picture Industry In Sherman - Pages 19-20
- Sherman Becomes West Hollywood - Page 21
- Architectural Trends - Page 22
- Spanish Colonial Revival - Page 25

- West Hollywood 1926 – World War II - Page 28-29
- Architectural Trends – French Revival & Art Deco - Pages 38-39
- Postwar West Hollywood 1946 – 1965 - Page 46
- The Decline Of The Sunset Strip - Page 48,
- Mid-Century Modern - Page 55
- The Sunset Strip - The Mecca For Music - Page 59, 62

COMMISSIONER LEVIN recommended corrections to the following information:

History of filmmakers, photograph captions, inaccurate and/or omitted addresses and streets, industrial areas, character defining features, galleries and interior design spaces outside of West Hollywood, nightclubs/bars/restaurants turnover, designers and styles.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN recommended corrections to the following information:

Period/time headers throughout context statement, distinction/boundaries maps of the Sherman, clarity of photo captions to buildings no longer extant (i.e., demolished), corrections to photo captions, maps to identify past and current streets, history of trains on Santa Monica Blvd., dates reflecting vote against consolidation with the City of Los Angeles' treatment facilities, correction of spelling of Doug Weston's Club, footnote addition to add "tomcat" to list of names of the Pussycat Theatre.

COMMISSIONER ALLISON recommended removing non-West Hollywood sites from the survey.

TERESA GRIMES, GPA CONSULTANT recommended adding non-West Hollywood site information to the methodology section of the survey.

COMMISSIONER BLAIVAS suggested that recognizance photos be added to the list of addresses and the following be added to list of sites to be reviewed: Lee Strasberg building, Fiesta Hall, 7611 Santa Monica Bl./Carwash, 1005 N. Vista/Vista Market, 7969 Santa Monica Bl./Peanuts, 8003 Santa Monica Bl./House– now known as The Bella Tanning Salon, 8009 Santa Monica Bl./House used as business, 8271 Santa Monica Bl..

COMMISSIONER LEVIN recommended adding each property of the seven-hundred reviewed by GPA Consulting in the survey to the database of the proposed website.

HPC LIAISON, RACHEL DIMOND advised members of the commission, public and other interested parties to submit potential cultural resources for review to Staff by Friday, July 8, 2016.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN requested that the preliminary criteria of the potential resources be better identified, addresses on Sunset Boulevard be listed in address order, requested 9145 Sunset be added to the list of

properties to be reviewed, asked about the six applications noted as reviewed on page three (3) of the staff report.

**11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**A. UPCOMING PROJECTS:**

HPC LIAISON RACHEL DIMOND discussed the following:

- Irv's Burgers Update
- Draft Craftsman Survey August 2016 HPC Meeting

COMMISSIONER LEVIN requested an update regarding the remaining twelve (12) DPR forms from the multi-family 2008 survey to be reviewed by the Commission.

HPC LIAISON, RACHEL DIMOND said the DPR's have been placed on hold to focus on the survey.

COMMISSIONER BLAIVAS asked about work at the Revolver and expressed concerns regarding a potential date and venue for the 2016 HPC Event.

HPC LIAISON RACHEL DIMOND explained the status of the current work at the Revolver and said she would inform assigned planner, Antonio Castillo of the Commission's concern. She said Staff is looking to schedule the HPC event sometime in fall and noted potential theme for the event.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

GARY LEGAULT, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD submitted document for public record regarding a proposed redevelopment project for 923 Palm Avenue. He said the property has historic significance and stated its history with LGBT civil rights activist Marsha P. Johnson.

ROY OLDENKAMP, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD thanked staff for the Irv's Burger update and talked about potential illegal work at 8851 Santa Monica Boulevard, 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Sherman.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESERVATION ALLIANCE addressed the July 8<sup>th</sup> date to submit properties to Staff/GPA Consulting, DPR forms from the 2008 Survey previously addressed by Commissioner Levin and previous commission meetings that discussed the Multi-Family Incentives.

**Item 12.A.Public Comment Closed.**

**13. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

COMMISSIONER BLAIVAS spoke about previous comments by Victor Omelczenko regarding the Multi-Family Incentives and a need for HPC representation at board/commission/council meetings, Commissioner Levin's memorandum regarding the multifamily incentives presented at the last Planning commission meeting, comments by Roy Oldenkamp and the need for architectural and anecdotal history of events within the survey. She thanked members of the community for their comments, thanked GPA Consulting for the survey and requested a list of the seven-hundred properties reviewed be added to the website.

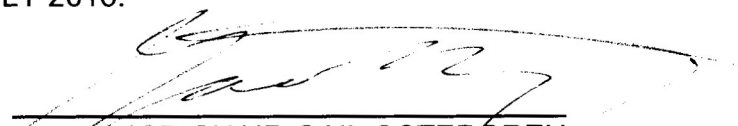
COMMISSIONER LEVIN said he seconded the suggestion of owners attending the City Council meeting discussion item for Multi-Family Incentives, agendizing Commissioner Blaivas' recommendation for HPC representation at board/commission/council meetings, update previous memorandum to planning commission and will include City Council as well. He disclosed that his firm is working on a project at 923 Palm and expressed comments about the site along with 927 and 931 Palm. H also spoke about the number of DPR forms reviewed and pending review.

COMMISSIONER ALLISON also thanked Staff and the GPA Consulting for the survey and members of the public for their input. She commended GPA for the proposed website and expressed concerns regarding the request for full-time HPC staff member discussed and voted on by the Commission at the May 2016 HPC meeting.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN thanked GPA Consulting for the survey and members of the public for their in-depth review and comments of the survey as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 9:19 pm to a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to **July 25, 2016, 7:00PM** at Plummer Park – 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.*

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2016.

  
VICE-CHAIR GAIL OSTERGREN

ATTEST:  
  
HPC SECRETARY SHARITA ELLIES

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