



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Commissioner LaJoie called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

2. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
 - A. **ELECTION OF CHAIR:**

The Historic Preservation Commission elected Jacob LaJoie as Chair of the Commission for a term through June 30, 2020. **Motion by Commissioner Levin, seconded by Commissioner Charlie and motion passed.**

 - B. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:**

The Historic Preservation Commission elected Commissioner Yawar Charlie as Vice-Chair of the Commission for a term through June 30, 2020. **Motion by Chair LaJoie, seconded by Commissioner Ostergren and motion passed.**

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair LaJoie, Vice-Chair Charlie, Commissioners Levin, Ostergren & Davidson

ABSENT: Commissioners Winters & Dubin

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Alkire, Senior Planner AICP/HPC Liaison, Doug Vu, Senior Planner, AICP, Nels Youngborg, LEED AP Chattel, Inc., Mike Peterson HPC Intern and Sharita Houston HPC-Secretary.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Historic Preservation Commission is requested to approve the agenda.
Action: Approve the meeting agenda of Monday, June 24, 2019 as presented.
Motion by Commissioner Levin, second by Vice-Chair Charlie and motion passed.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The HPC is requested to approve the minutes of prior Commission meetings.
Action: Approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2019 as presented.
Motion by Commissioner Levin, second by Vice-Chair Charlie and motion passed, noting the abstention by Commissioner Ostergren

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD/WEST HOLLYWOOD PRESERVATION ALLIANCE (WHPA) congratulated Chair and Vice-Chair on their elections, thanked Staff and Councilmembers for designating the Formosa Café and the success of the 2019 HPC Event at that site.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None,

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. 7965-7985 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD (FRENCH MARKET): The proposal is a request to partially rehabilitate an existing cultural resource (French Market) and construct a new, 60-foot, four-story commercial building with office, restaurant, retail, bar, and design showroom uses.
Action: The Commission continued the Item to August 26, 2019 by consensus of the Commission.

B. 9009-9015 SUNSET BOULEVARD (ROXY AND RAINBOW ROOM) CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATION: Request to designate the Roxy Theater and Rainbow Bar & Grill located at 9009-9015 Sunset Boulevard as a Local Cultural Resource.
Action: The Commission continued the Item to August 26, 2019 by consensus of the Commission.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. METRO RAIL UPDATE:

Staff, Joanna Hankamer and David Fenn provided an update on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line as directed by Council.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND STAFF discussed information relating to ongoing outreach and community involvement for future mass transit as stated in the July 22, 2019 staff report.

STAFF DAVID FENN said the project originated from Metro's 2016 Measure M, Transportation Sales Tax Measure and discussed slides from a previous presentation by Metro concerning the following topics.; Bring Rail back to the City of West Hollywood, Metro's Measure M 2016, Rail connections, Projects in Planning or Construction, Project Overview, LRT in Los Angeles, 2018 Studies, Advanced Alternatives Study, Community/Commission feedback, Accelerate Light Rail Project, Tentative Transit tour dates and attending fall community and board meetings.

CHAIR LAJOIE, COMMISSIONER LEVIN and Staff discussed if the line would be below grade and reviewed the feasibility study for answers concerning alignments.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN asked if the EIR will contain a Cultural Resource Study.

Action: None.

B. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE (CCC): The Historic Preservation Commission will consider electing one member to serve on the CCC; which will develop strategies to ensure that every resident is counted for the 2020 Census.

Action: The Historic Preservation Commission elected Vice-Chair Yawar Charlie to serve as representative for the Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC), **motion by Commissioner Levin, second by Commissioner Ostergren and the Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

- C. MILLS ACT CONTRACT UPDATE:** Nels Youngborg, LEED AP, Senior Associate with Chattel, Inc. provided training on criteria and procedures for Mills Act Contracts.

NELS YOUNGBORG, THE COMMISSION AND STAFF discussed evaluating Mills Act Contracts, benefits to property owners, eligibility criteria, terms, statistics for West Hollywood, application process, scope of work, rehabilitation/restoration plans, evaluation inspections, conditions of approval and questions.

Action: None.

- 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

- A.** HPC Liaison Jennifer Alkire reported the following to the Commission:
- Future designations and mills act contracts
 - Recent resignation of PDS Managers David DeGrazia and Bianca Siegl
 - City Council directed Staff to work on Citywide Cultural Resource Surveys every five years effective 2020.
 - Congratulated Chair and Vice-Chair on their appointments.

- 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

14. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER LEVIN commented about lobbying/voting for the five year Citywide Cultural Resource Survey Reviews directed by City Council.

COMMISSIONER OSTERGREN congratulated the lobbyist for their efforts of obtaining the five year Citywide Cultural Resource Survey reviews and Chair/Vice-Chair on their appointments.

VICE-CHAIR CHARLIE congratulated Commissioner Ostergren on her at-large appointment, congratulated Jake LaJoie on his appointment as Chair and Staff for tonight's training.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON congratulated Chair LaJoie and Vice-Chair Charlie on their appointments.

CHAIR LAJOIE thanked the HPC for their attendance and input, Staff for preparation of tonight's meeting and thanked members of the public for their attendance. He congratulated Yawar Charlie on his appointment as Vice-Chair..

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** ADJOURNMENT: The Historic Preservation Commission **adjourned at 8:23pm** to a regularly scheduled meeting on **August 26, 2019** beginning at 7:00pm at Plummer Park 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 & 6, West Hollywood CA, 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 26th DAY OF AUGUST 2019.



CHAIR JACOB LAJOIE

ATTEST:



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SECRETARY SHARITA HOUSTON

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