



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 24, 2005 -

City of West Hollywood, City Hall, Community Conference Room 1st floor
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Felchlin called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

A. **OFFICIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER.**

Historic Preservation Commissioner Richard Azar was officially sworn in by Secretary Brendan Rome for a term ending May 31, 2005.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Azar, Credle, Felchlin, Hahn, Joyce, Shivers, Yeber.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Terry Blount – Associate Planner
John Chase – Urban Designer
Brendan Rome – Commission Secretary.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

ACTION: Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Agenda of Thursday, January 24, 2005 as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Credle, seconded by Commissioner Yeber and unanimously carried.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

RYAN GIERACH, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke of founding a West Hollywood Historic Society and invited the Historic Preservation Commissioners to be on the Board of Directors. He further stated that more information can be obtained in upcoming issues of the West Hollywood Tribune.

JANELLE HENSLEY, WEST HOLLYWOOD asked the commission to recommend approval for the pending National Historical Preservation application that will designate 1236 – 1246 N. Harper Ave (The Ramona) as a National Historic Resource.

TRAVIS WINN, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke of his support for the 1236-1246 N. Harper Ave designation as a National Historic Resource.

JESSE SLANSKY, REPRESENTATIVE OF GTO DEVELOPMENT, SANTA MONICA OWNER OF 1236-1246 N. HARPER AVE spoke of their objection to making a National Historic Resource recommendation to the state or federal level while the City's designation is under appeal.

RICH JOHNSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in support of the application for 1236-1246 N. Harper Ave to be designated a National Historic Resource.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.

8. **COMMISSION CONSIDERATION.** None.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

A. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA-004-005) & MILLS ACT (MA0-004-002): Continued from Monday, December 13, 2004. John Chase answered questions directed to staff given John Keho's absence.
Location: 837-849 & 850 San Vicente Blvd

Commissioner Azar RECUSED himself and sat in the audience during this item since it was a continuation from a prior meeting that Commissioner Azar was not an acting member nor attendee.

Discussion was held regarding the casement windows and grass-crete.

ACTION: 1) Approve the application and adopt Resolution No. HPC 04-52: "A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 2004-05 AND MILLS ACT 2004-02 TO CONVERT AN ATTIC TO HABITABLE SPACE FOR ONE ADDITIONAL ROOM AND RELATED MILLS ACT REVISION OF A CULTURAL RESOURCE LOCATED AT 837 – 849 AND 850 SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD." **Motion by Commissioner Shivers, seconded by Commissioner Credle and unanimously carried with Commissioner Azar being RECUSED.**

10. NEW BUSINESS.

A. 1236 – 1246 N. HARPER AVENUE (The Ramona):

A faxed letter (Exhibit A) from the property owner's attorney, Mark E. Lehman was submitted for the record; stating objection to the Commission's recommendation for designation and objection to any further recommendation to other entities until the appeal is heard and complete.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the application, provided comments, and made recommendations regarding listing this property to the State Office of Historic Preservation on the National Register of Historic Places.

Discussion was held regarding the level of influence the Commission has on this application and the appropriateness of making recommendations during a pending appeal.

ACTION: 1) Recommend "Architecture" and "History" designations to the State Office of Historic Preservation on the National Register of Historic Places. **Motion by Commissioner Credle, seconded by Commissioner Hahn. AYES: AZAR, CREDLE FELCHLIN, HAHN, SHIVERS. NOES: JOYCE, YEBER. The motion carried 5-2.**

B. SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005:

Discussion was held regarding a potential special meeting.

The commission prefers to remain on schedule to be fair to constituents, applicants and commissioners alike.

No special meeting was scheduled.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH:

Discussion was held regarding the theme, potential venues and potential events for the month of May 2005.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD ANTHOLOGY:

Commissioner Hahn updated the Commission regarding the bids from various publishing houses.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF.

A. UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Staff Liaison Terry Blount updated the Commission on upcoming projects slated for future Historic Preservation Commission meetings.

Staff Liaison Terry Blount updated the Commission the results from the Planning Commission Hearing and adjusted set back on 1351 Havenhurst (4-story condominium & public park project).

Discussion was held regarding Certified Survey Reports.

Discussion was held on possible training for the Historic Preservation Commissioners.

13. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMENTS.

Commissioner Yeber stated concern with some projects adjacent to Cultural Resources did not come to the Commission for comment and presented a map of the City with Cultural Resources designated. Discussion was held regarding possible procedures to help designate properties that are near Cultural Resources.


Staff indicated the map is missing "potential" sites.

Commissioner Credle inquired about the Garden Courtyard Designation definition. Discussion was held about the request for proposal formulation and potential financing for an upcoming Cultural Resource Survey.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 9:05 PM. to the next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Monday, February 28, 2005 at West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California. **Motion by Commissioner Shivers, seconded by Commissioner Yeber and unanimously carried.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THIS 28TH DAY
OF FEBRUARY, 2005.


TIMOTHY FELCHLIN
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


TERRY BLOUNT
STAFF LIAISON