



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair King called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Dubin lead the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL PRESENT:** Chair Michael King, Vice-Chair Jacob Sotsky, Commissioners Edward Levin, Gail Ostergren, Matt Dubin, Lola Davidson, and Andrew Campbell.
ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Doug Vu, HPC Liaison, Rachel Dimond, Sr. Planner LRP, Emily Varley, HPC Intern and Sharita Houston, HPC Secretary.
OTHER STAFF PRESENT: City Consultants Susanne Huerta, Rincon Consultants, Inc, Nels Youngborg, Senior Associate Chattel, Inc.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Historic Preservation Commission is requested to approve the agenda.
ACTION: Approve the meeting agenda of Monday, January 24, 2022 as presented.
Motion by Commissioner Levin, second by Commissioner Ostergren and motion passed by acclamation.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
ACTION: November 22, 2021 meeting minutes tabled to be heard during the February 28, 2022 HPC meeting. **Motion approved unanimously by acclamation.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
8. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. **FINAL HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE:** Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). Previously heard as Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) during the November 22, 2021 HPC meeting.

STAFF RACHEL DIMOND briefly provided an update to the FEIR after receiving comment from the Commission and members of the public. The discussion consisted of information concerning the following topics:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

- Disclose significant environmental effects
- Identify mitigation measures or alternatives to reduce or avoid environmental effects

Significant and Unavoidable Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

- Air Quality
- Construction Noise
- Historical Resources

Item 10.A. Commissioners Questions To Staff:

Members of the Commission, Staff and Rincon Consultants discussed recommended changes to the DEIR addressed during the November 2021 meeting concerning proposed Mitigation Measures, more specific to MM CUL-2a - Archaeological Resources Assessment.

Item 10.A. Public Comment: None

Item 10.A. Commissioner Comment:

COMMISSIONER LEVIN addressed concerns with the need for MM CUL-2a stating there is no justification for the measure and said it imposed a burden, without a useful benefit. He discussed components such as Phase 1 Pedestrian Surface Survey to locate any surface cultural materials which, is not needed due to the lack of archeological resources found and/or documented in the City.

He said he supports Mitigation Measure MM CUL-2b which states:

Unanticipated Discoveries: If cultural resources are encountered during ground-disturbing activities associated with individual development projects under the Housing Element Update, work in the immediate area shall be halted and an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for archaeology in either prehistoric or historic archaeology shall be contacted immediately to evaluate the find.

COMMISSIONER DUBIN said he supports previous comments by Commissioner Levin concerning the proposed measures potential to be a burden to all housing element projects within the City.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, STAFF RACHEL DIMOND AND RINCON CONSULTANT SUSANNE HUERTA discussed process and procedures concerning the selection of measures for DEIR and FEIR's such as MM CUL-2a to ensure all parties concerned are in compliance with state regulations.

Susanne Huerta stated the research consists of a record report only and is required to complete the report accurately. The general consensus of the HPC

is to recommend removal of the measure to City Council and the City undergo an Archeological Resource Survey instead.

Action: Motion to adopt Draft Resolution No. HPC 22-157 as amended with the recommendation to remove Mitigation Measure **MM CUL-2a**, maintain **MM CUL-2b**, of Draft Resolution No. HPC 22-157 and recommend the City consider undertaking a Citywide, Archeological Resource Survey as proposed under **MM CUL-2a** .

Motion by Commissioner Levin second by Commissioner Davidson and Motion passes on roll call vote 7/0 in favor of the project.

AYES: Chair King, Vice-Chair Sotsky, Campbell, Dubin, Davidson
Levin, and Ostergren
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSALS: None

DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. HPC 22-157: A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (“EIR”), ADOPT A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND ADOPT A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN 6th CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TRAINING NO. 5 PROJECT REVIEW PART 3 :

NELS YOUNGBORG, LEED AP, SENIOR ASSOCIATE WITH CHATTEL, INC. AND HPC LIAISON DOUG VU provided training on the review process of projects.

The presentation consisted of a recap of previous trainings Project Review Parts 1-CEQA Thresholds/Standards and Guidelines, Part 2-Types of Project Review/Mills Act Program.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSON, STAFF AND NELS YOUNGBORG briefly discussed information relating to property owner awareness and responsibilities of the contract.

Project Review Part – 3:

- Certificates of Appropriateness
 - Cultural Heritage Preservation Ordinance (WHMC 19.58)
 - Overview
 - Application for Certificates of Appropriateness (COA)
 - Review and Approval
 - Findings

- Case Study
 - Irv's Burgers, 8289 Santa Monica Blvd.
 - 2004-2017 Application/Permit Requests

Item 9.A. Commissioner Questions to Staff Consultant:

THE COMMISSION AND STAFF discussed previous and current owner information, purpose of original request and determined there was one change of ownership to date.

Item 9.A. Public Comment:

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, asked about the processes of determining if a proposed project will cause negative impacts to properties adjacent to existing or potential resources.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN, CONSULTANT NELS YOUNGBORG AND LIAISON DOUG VU explained the review process and review authorities that would be included concerning negative impacts to neighboring or adjacent properties to existing or potential resources as it relates to aesthetics, public right of way and/or shade studies.

Item 9.A. Public Comment Closed

Item 9.A. Commissioner Comments: None.

NELS YOUNGBORG concluded Project Review Training and said the next and final training topic will consist of HPC Commissioner Rules and Duties.

Action: None.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

HPC LIAISON DOUG VU provided the following information regarding upcoming projects:

February 2022 HPC Meeting:

- CRD application - 9101 Sunset Boulevard (Gil Turner's Liquor)
- CRD application – 8300 Sunset Blvd. (The Standard Hollywood)

13. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

COMMISSIONER DUBIN asked for further details about Item 12.A. Upcoming Projects and wished all success in the New Year.

COMMISSIONER OSTERGREN requested an update of the Historic Properties Survey be provided at the next HPC meeting, asked about the Context Statement, and wished all a Happy New Year.

HPC LIAISON DOUG VU will contact the project planner to provide the update.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN provided the ordinance code addressed during Item 11.A. to public speaker Stephanie Harker, he thanked Nels Youngborg for the training and wished all a bleated, Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER CAMPBELL explained his late arrival due to login challenges and wished all a Happy New Year.

VICE-CHAIR SOTSKY thanked and complimented Consultant Nels Youngborg on the HPC Training.

CHAIR KING thanked Consultant Nels Youngborg and Staff for the HPC Training and wished all a belated, Happy New Year.

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:48pm to a regular scheduled teleconference meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022 beginning at 7:00 P.M, ***Motion by Commissioner Levin seconded by Vice-Chair Sotsky and motion passed by acclimation.***

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CHAIRPERSON, MICHAEL KING

ATTEST:
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SECRETARY, SHARITA HOUSTON

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