



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sotsky called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Sotsky led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Sotsky, Vice-Chair Gail Ostergren, Commissioners Lola Davidson, Matt Dubin and Michael King
ABSENT: None.
STAFF PRESENT: Doug Vu, HPC Liaison, Roger Rath, Associate Planner, and Sharita Houston, HPC Secretary
OTHER STAFF PRESENT: None.
SPECIAL TRIBUTE:
The Commission acknowledged the life, legacy and recent passing of Commissioner, Edward S. Levin. They offered condolences to his loved ones and colleagues and spoke about his achievements as an architect, a resident of the West Hollywood community and his contributions as a prominent member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
SUBJECT: The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is requested to approve the Agenda.
ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Monday, November 28, 2022 as amended.
Motion by Vice-Chair Ostergren, second by Commissioner Dubin and approved.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
SUBJECT: The HPC is requested to approve the minutes of prior HPC meetings.
ACTION: Approve the minutes of October 24, 2022 as presented noting a concern that background/details were limited. **Motion by Vice-Chair Ostergren, second by Commissioner Davidson, and approved; noting the abstention of Commissioner Sotsky due to his absence.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

CATHY BLAIVAS WEST HOLLYWOOD/FORMER HPC COMMISSIONER offered condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Commissioner Levin. And expressed concerns about the demolition of the Temple Bethel.

Item 6. Public Comment Closed.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

8. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. **1241 N. VISTA STREET:** Request to enter into a Mills Act Contract for the rehabilitation of 1241 N. Vista Street.

Staff Roger Rath gave a presentation of information provided in the November 28, 2022 staff report. He said the City provides the Mills Act Contract as a rehabilitation incentive intended to encourage the maintenance and preservation of the City's cultural resources.

He discussed the designation status of the site, its present condition and the city's primary recommendations to restore and maintain its character defining features. He said the Commission is requested to review the Mills Act Contract and offer recommendation of approval to City Council.

He said staff determined that the site meets the City's criterion and is eligible for the Mills Act Contract. He said Staff therefore requests that the HPC recommend approval of the Mills Act Contract to City Council.

Item 9.A. Commissioner Questions to Staff:

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN AND STAFF further discussed caption errors addressed during Staffs presentation concerning the applicant's architectural report and requested the applicant review/revise the report.

Item 9.A. Commissioner Questions to Staff Closed

Item 9.A. Applicant Presentation: None.

Item 9.A Public Comment:

CATHY BLAIVAS WEST HOLLYWOOD spoke in favor of Staff's recommendation as presented and thanked the applicant for their submittal.

Item 9.A. Public Comment Closed

Item 9.A. Commissioner Comments:

THE COMMISSION largely spoke in favor of the proposed Mills Act Contract, noting requested edits to the Architectural report. They commended and thanked the applicant/owner for their submittal and efforts towards preserving the sites historic architecture.

Item 9.A. Public Comment - Re-opened; Approved by the Consensus of the Commission

APPLICANT LAURA KUNG, THE COMMISSION, AND STAFF discussed components of the Rehabilitation/Maintenance Plans and the inspection report. It was recommended that the downspout & gutter components be added back to the Architectural Report/Rehabilitation Plan and recommended that both work plans be further reviewed for accuracy related to repair vs. rehabilitation items.

OWNER MONICA MITCHELL AND STAFF LIAISON VU said all reports and work plans will be reviewed and/or revised for consistency prior to City Councils review.

Item 9.A. Public Comment Closed

Vice-Chair Ostergren moved to approve Item 9.A. a request for a Mills Act Contract. Noting the Commission's request to reconcile items with the Architectural Report and Rehabilitation/Maintenance Plans.

Action: Approve the request and provide recommendation to City Council for the approval of the Mills Act Contract of the Cultural Resource located at 1241 N. Vista Street. **Motion by Vice-Chair Ostergren, second by Commissioner Dubin and motion passed on roll call vote 5 of 5.**

10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

12. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

A. UPCOMING PROJECTS

Staff provided the following updates:

- December 26, 2022 Meeting Canceled
- January 2023 4th Monday meeting rescheduled to a special meeting 5th Monday, January 30, 2023 due to schedule conflict with City Council Meeting
- CRD Designation of the Monument at 8549 Sunset Boulevard
- Gave update concerning the status of the GPA Multi-Family Survey
- Gave update concerning the Cultural Preservation Ordinance
- Addressed the status of the WeHo Elections & HPC terms of service

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

14. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

COMMISSIONER KING spoke about the HPC’s term of service and extended holiday well wishes to all.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON thanked staff and the commission for the meeting and extended holiday well wishes to all.

COMMISSIONER DUBIN thanked staff for the meeting/location, thanked members of the public for their attendance and extended holiday well wishes to all.

CHAIR SOTSKY AND VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN echoed comments and holiday well wishes by the Commission.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was adjourned at **7:54 pm** to a special meeting **Monday, January 30, 2023** beginning at 7:00 P.M., at Plummer Park 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, Rooms 5 & 6, West Hollywood CA 90046

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SECRETARY, SHARITA HOUSTON

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