



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

Meeting
July 22, 2024

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY ACCESSING THE ARCHIVED RECORDINGS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/city-government/city-clerk AND SELECTING ACCESS CITY RECORDS.

Land Acknowledgment: “The West Hollywood Historic Planning Commission acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.”

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ostergren called the meeting of Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Doug Vu led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
 - A. **ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR AND DISCUSSION OF MEETING DAY AND LOCATION**

ELECTION OF CHAIR.

Commissioner King nominated Yawar Charlie as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Seconded by Commissioner Zvi.

There were no other official nominations.

ACTION: Elect Yawar Charlie as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission for a full-term commencing on July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **Nominated by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Zvi and unanimously passes on a Roll Call vote:**

AYES: Davidson, King, Zvi, Ostergren, Charlie

NAYES: None.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.

Commissioner Ostergren nominated Amy Zvi as Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Seconded by Chair Charlie.

There were no other official nominations.

ACTION: Elect Amy Zvi as Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission for a full-term commencing July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **Nominated by Commissioner Ostergren, seconded by Chair Charlie and unanimously passes on a Roll Call vote:**

AYES: Davidson, King, Zvi, Ostergren, Charlie

NAYES: None.

DISCUSSION OF MEETING DAY AND LOCATION.

Assistant City Clerk, Lulu Morales, provided context for the proposed meeting day change to the second Monday of every month and responded to inquiries by the Historic Preservation Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner King moved to approve the day change to the second Monday of every month. **Seconded by Vice Chair Zvi and unanimously passes on a Roll Call vote:**

AYES: Davidson, King, Ostergren, Zvi, Charlie

Further discussion about the location change for the regular meetings was tabled by consensus of the Commission for a later date with full attendance of the Historic Preservation Commissioners.

4. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Charlie, Davidson, King, Zvi, Ostergren.

Commissioners Absent: Dubin, Sotsky

Staff Present: Doug Vu, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison; Kasey Conley, Associate Planner; Alicen Bartle, Project Development Administrator, Brian League, Property Development Manager; and Gabriele Gonzales, Acting Commission Secretary.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Ostergren, seconded by Vice Chair Zvi and unanimously passes.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

ACTION: Approve the draft summary action minutes of Monday, June 25, 2024. Moved by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Vice Chair Zvi and unanimously passes.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
8. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None
9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None
10. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. 9009-9015 SUNSET BOULEVARD (Roxy Theatre and Rainbow Bar & Grill):

Kasey Conley, Associate Planner, provided a verbal presentation and background information, as presented in the staff report. She then discussed the objectives of the City's rehabilitation incentives program and described the proposed Mills Act contract and rehabilitation and maintenance plan for the property known as the Roxy Theatre and Rainbow Bar & Grill. Staff concluded the presentation and recommended that the Commission approve the recommendation to the City Council regarding the request for a Mills Act contract for the cultural resource.

The Commission inquired about, and Staff along with Aaron Green, President of the Afriat Group, responded to questions regarding the reduction of taxes, location of a possible Airbnb on the property and its possible tax assessment implications for a Mills Act contract, and length of time by current ownership of the Roxy Theatre and Rainbow Bar & Grill.

The Commission, Staff, Aaron Green, and John LoCascio, Principal Architect with Historic Resources Group, then discussed the relationship between the site work in the Rehabilitation Plan and the approved billboard project at this property, followed by items identified in the Historic Structure Report (HSR) that should be included in the Rehabilitation Plan including the treatment and replacement of wood windows, exterior paint, door hardware, wood siding and trim, termite and pest control inspections, brick veneer, vertical wood siding, roofing repair/maintenance and rain gutters. It was also confirmed that the existing metal fence will be removed as part of the billboard project's site rehabilitation and the Rainbow Bar and Grill sign will be refurbished as part of the Mills Act contract's Rehabilitation Plan.

Item 9.A. Public Comments: None.

Item 9.A. Commission Discussion:

The Commission stated the desire to add items to the Rehabilitation Plan that were read by Staff for Commission confirmation which included conducting an annual termite inspection for both the Roxy Theatre and Rainbow Bar & Grill, and replacing the concrete with compatible brick masonry at the south façade of the Rainbow Bar & Grill if possible, upon field testing.

Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve staff's recommendation of

approval to the City Council with the amendments read into the record.

Seconded by Vice-Chair Zvi.

ACTION: 1) Recommend to the City Council approval of a Mills Act Contract at 9009-9015 Sunset Boulevard as amended: a) conduct an annual termite inspection for both the Roxy Theatre and Rainbow Bar & Grill, and b) if possible upon field testing, replace the concrete at the south façade of the Rainbow Bar & Grill with compatible brick masonry. **Motion by Commissioner Ostergren, seconded by Vice-Chair Zvi passes, noting Commissioners Dubin and Sotsky absent.**

11. NEW BUSINESS: None.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Planning Staff Update.

Doug Vu, Senior Planner/HPC Liaison, stated that the Historic Preservation Commission will have a special scheduled meeting on August 19, 2024. Also, the City Council's approval changing the Commission's regular meeting date to the second Monday of the month will become effective October 2024, and upcoming projects on the Commission's agenda include 8001 Santa Monica Boulevard.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Charlie commented on the meeting date change and requested its announcement to the public, inquired about having requested documents printed, and suggested opportunities for public education during meetings when there is little or no Commission business to conduct.

Vice Chair Zvi asked for clarification on the role of Vice Chair if the Chair is absent and thanked the outgoing Chair.

Commissioner Davidson congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair and thanked the outgoing Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner King congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Ostergren congratulations to the new Chair and Vice Chair.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:07 P.M. to a special scheduled meeting on **Monday, August 19, 2024** beginning at **7:00 P.M.** at

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**Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood
CA.**

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 14th day of October 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner:

NOES: Commissioner:

ABSENT: Commissioner:

ABSTAIN: Commissioner:

Signed by:
Yawar Charlie, HPC
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ATTEST:

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