

Historic Preservation Commission

Outstanding Accomplishments

- Reviewed 7 historic nominations that resulted in 2 new Cultural Resource Designations:

<u>Property Name/Address</u>	<u>Reviewed by Commission</u>	<u>Designated by Council</u>
8863 Cynthia Street	2/14/2011	02/21/2012
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- Assessed several proposed development projects to determine their impacts on Designated Cultural Resources.
- Reviewed two requests for Certificates of Appropriateness (COAs). The HPC approved a COA request for Normandie Towers, a grouping of Tudor Revival-style cottages constructed in the 1920s. The COA permitted the property owner to rehabilitate several historic architectural elements that had previously been altered in a manner not consistent with the cottages' original design.
- Filed the 2011 Certified Local Government (CLG) Historic Preservation Program Report with the California State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). Each year, the City must submit a report to the OHP to maintain its status as a CLG in Historic Preservation. The report for 2012 will be filed later this year.
- Participated in a training session with Christy McAvoy of Historic Resources Group regarding historic preservation issues in the City of West Hollywood. Topics included documentation and surveys, the Mills Act, rehabilitation incentives, and assessing "rarity of type." Corey Schaffer, West Hollywood's City Clerk, also provided training to the HPC regarding public noticing requirements and the Brown Act.
- Reviewed and commented on a Development Agreement (DA) for the El Mirador, a historic apartment house at 1302-1310 North Sweetzer Avenue. The DA, as drafted, would provide certain waivers of development standards and exaction fees to enable the conversion of the El Mirador into condominiums or an urban inn. The HPC's comments and recommendations were forwarded to both the Planning Commission and the City Council for review.
- Hosted another successful Historic Preservation Celebration in May 2012 at the Hollywood Riviera, a Mid-Century modern apartment building designed by renowned local architect Edward Fickett. The celebration, entitled "California Dreamin'," honored Southern California's mid-century pool culture and drew a crowd of nearly 200.

Important Contributions to the Community

- The HPC helps to preserve the quality of life in West Hollywood through the protection, enhancement, and preservation of cultural resources.
- The HPC reviews nominations for potential Cultural Resource designation and makes recommendations to the City Council.
- The HPC helps to preserve the history of West Hollywood through the creation and maintenance of archives, designation of cultural resources, and the preparation and distribution of brochures, books, and events that highlight West Hollywood's history.
- The HPC provides a forum where residents can express themselves regarding changes in the City as they relate to designated and potential cultural resources.

Vision 2020 Goals and Strategic Programs Impacted

- Responsibility for the environment. Maintaining and rehabilitating older buildings and neighborhoods can offer savings in energy, time, money, raw goods, and materials.
- Maintain the City's unique urban balance with emphasis on residential neighborhood livability. The HPC helps maintain a balanced sense of community by preserving our historic properties and neighborhoods. The HPC also ensures that new development does not materially impact nearby cultural resources.
- Enhance the cultural and creative life of the Community. The City's historic preservation program continues to strengthen and expand the City's cultural heritage.
- Upgrade existing buildings and infrastructure. The HPC ensures that modifications to historic properties are performed in conformance to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

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