



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2005

West Hollywood City Hall

Community Conference Room

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Felchlin called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:07 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Terry Blount – Associate Planner & Staff Liaison
Jennifer Noel – Associate Contract Planner
Amber Hawkes – Historic Preservation Intern
David Gillig – Commission Secretary.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR.

ACTION: Elect Catherine Hahn as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending June 30, 2006. **Motion by Vice-Chair Yeber, seconded by Chair Felchlin and unanimously carried.**

B. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.

ACTION: Elect Victoria Joyce as Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission for a term ending June 30, 2006. **Motion by Vice-Chair Yeber, seconded by Commissioner Shivers and unanimously carried.**

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

ACTION: Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Agenda of Monday, August 22, 2005 as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Shivers, seconded by Commissioner Azar and unanimously carried.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A. June 27, 2005

ACTION: Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of Monday, June 27, 2005 as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Felchlin, seconded by Commissioner Castro and unanimously carried.**

B. July 25, 2005

Commissioner Castro notated two errors in the minutes of Monday, July 25, 2005: 1) a recording error in Item 6.A.; should have been recorded as 4-2; and 2) notated the incorrect date the meeting was adjourned to; it should read Monday, August 22, 2005 (not September 26, 2005).

ACTION: Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of Monday, July 25, 2005 as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Felchlin, seconded by Commissioner Azar and unanimously carried.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR.** None.
8. **COMMISSION CONSIDERATION.** None.
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

A. 819-825 ½ Sweetzer Avenue.

Certificate of Appropriateness 2005-011, Rehabilitation Incentive 2005-004:

Jennifer Noel, Contract Associate Planner, presented the staff report. She detailed the history of the property and stated the request is to increase the square footage of Building E, one of the previously approved new residential units on a property with four existing designated buildings.

The addition that is currently proposed does not include any new rooms, but proposes to expand existing rooms by a total of 131 square feet to Unit 8 in Building E.

Staff recommends approval.

Chair Hahn opened public testimony for Item 9.A.:

STEVE GIANNETTI, SANTA MONICA, architect, presented the applicant's report. He presented a history of the property detailed the changes that have been requested.

ACTION: Close public testimony for Item 9.A. **Motion carried by consensus of the Commission.**

Commissioner Felchlin had concerns regarding the balcony and upper floors (which seem to be cut back) on Building E.

Commissioner Yeber questioned the exposed duct work on the west side of Building 10.

Commissioner Yeber motioned to approve the staff report and Resolution No. HPC 05-60.

Motion fails, no second.

Commissioner Felchlin motioned to approve the staff report and amended Resolution No. HPC 05-60 by adding a condition: 1) architect shall work to better resolve the connection on the northern part of Building E.

Commissioner Shivers seconded the motion.

ACTION: 1) Approve the application; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. HPC 05-60 as amended: "A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD CONDITIONALLY APPROVING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 2005-011 AND REHABILITATION INCENTIVE 2005-004 TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS 2005-001 AND REHABILITATION INCENTIVE 2005-001 TO INCREASE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF BUILDING E, ONE OF THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON A PROPERTY WITH FOUR EXISTING DESIGNATED BUILDINGS, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 819-825 ½ SWEETZER AVENUE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA"; and 3) close Public Hearing Item 9.A. **Motion by Chair Felchlin, seconded by Commissioner Shivers and unanimously carried.**

B. 1424 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard; Unit No. 19.

Mills Act Contract 2004-005:

Amber Hawkes, Historic Preservation Intern, presented the staff report. She detailed the history of the property and the stated the facts regarding the Mill's Act contract.

ACTION: 1) Approve the Mills Act Contract application and draft contract for 1424 N. Crescent Heights Boulevard; Unit No. 19; and 2) forward the contracts along with the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to the West Hollywood City Council for consideration. **Motion by Commissioner Felchlin, seconded by Commissioner Shivers and unanimously carried.**

10. NEW BUSINESS: None.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. West Hollywood Anthology.

Commissioner's stated their individual progress and updated their meeting times with individual Councilmembers.

B. Historic Resources Survey Update.

Terry Blount, Associate Planner and Staff Liaison, stated the reconnaissance work is set to begin on Monday, August 29, 2005.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Terry Blount, Staff Liaison, stated the following items will be heard on the agenda for September 2005: 1) 8265 Fountain Avenue; and 2) 1343 N. Laurel Avenue (Laurel Place Senior Housing Project) will be brought forward October 24, 2005.

B. HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH:

Discussion and input was held regarding attendance, location, brochures and the walking tour of the recent event.

C. ANNUAL CONGRESS OF COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Terry Blount, Associate Planner and Staff Liaison, stated the City Council has chosen Saturday, October 22, 2005 as the date for the next Annual Congress of Commissions and Boards. Location, times and activities have yet to be determined.

D. COMMISSIONER TRAINING.

Terry Blount, Associate Planner and Staff Liaison, commented on a proposed training program with Christy McAvoy.

Commissioner Castro suggested a joint training program with the City of Beverly Hills.

It was suggested the cities of Santa Monica and possibly Culver City could also be included.

13. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Yeber congratulated incoming Chair Hahn and Vice-Chair Joyce. He had concerns on the late arrivals of the agenda packets and requested staff for earlier deliveries.

Chair Hahn requested an item agendaized for the next meeting, regarding the appointment of new members to the Historic Preservation Commission Design Review Subcommittee.

Commissioner Azar wished Commissioner Shiver's the best of luck.

Discussion was held regarding a going away dinner for Commissioner Shivers. Tuesday, September 13, 2005 was chosen and the establishment is to be determined.

Commissioner Felchlin thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chair and congratulated incoming Chair Hahn and Vice-Chair Joyce.

Chair Hahn thanked everyone for the appointment to Chair, and stated she is in discussions with the West Hollywood Independent newspaper, regarding a [possible] weekly and/or monthly article involving historically preserved buildings in West Hollywood

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Hahn adjourned the meeting without objection. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:07 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, which will be on Monday, September 26, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



SECRETARY