

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

*Monday, July 26, 2004*

West Hollywood City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California 90069

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Trotoux called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.
  
2. **ROLL CALL:**  
Commissioners Present: Credle, Felchlin, Hahn, Joyce, Shivers, Trotoux and Yeber.  
Commissioners Absent: None.  
Staff Present: John Keho, Senior Planner; and Brendan Rome, Recording Secretary.
  
2. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**
  - A. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR.**  
*The Historic Preservation Commission will elect a Chair to the Historic Preservation Commission, for a term ending May 31, 2005.*  
  
**Action:** Nominate Jennifer Trotoux for Chair  
**Motion:** Felchlin  
**Second:** Hahn  
**Discussion:** Chair Trotoux declined the nomination stating personal reasons  
**Motion Withdrawn**  
  
**Action:** Nominate Timothy Felchlin for Chair  
**Motion:** Yeber  
**Second:** Credle  
**Motion Carried unanimously**
  
  - B. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR.**  
*The Historic Preservation Commission will elect a Vice-Chair to the Historic Preservation Commission, for a term ending May 31, 2005.*  
  
**Action:** Nominate Mark Yeber for Vice-Chair  
**Motion:** Hahn  
**Second:** Trotoux  
**Motion Carried unanimously**
  
  - C. **APPOINTMENT DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**  
*Reappoint three (3) Commissioners to the Design Subcommittee*  
  
**Action:** Reappoint Commissioners Felchlin, Credle, Yeber  
**Motion Carried unanimously with a quasi roll call vote**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Agenda of Monday, July 26, 2004 as presented.

**Motion:** Hahn

**Second:** Felchlin

**Motion Carried unanimously**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of Monday, June 28, 2004 as presented.

**Motion:** Yeber

**Seconded:** Hahn

**Motion Carried unanimously**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.** None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. West Hollywood Anthology.**

City of West Hollywood Senior Planner John Keho spoke of the history of the project and Teresa Grimes involvement; introduced Bruce Kaye.

Bruce Kaye spoke of his renewed interest to "shepard" this project; gave examples of what he thought the project end product should be; stated he thought most of the material was "not good" and indicated there is still a great deal of work needed to be done; stated there is a lack of photographs to make a "book" but enough to produce a periodical; suggested a photographer be contracted; stated concerns with the time constraint and the needed funding involved to produce a "coffee table" book; he encouraged the commission to "let it go" and imagine another "vision"; stated he thought the focus should be on architecture with "zest & interest"; asked for each member of the commission to describe their point of view of the project and where it should be headed.

Commissioner Hahn spoke of concerns with the collection of "blurbs" more than pictures; she stated she knows an editor that may be able to assist; spoke about keeping the focus on Objectives, Strategies and Tactics; suggested reviewing the book produced by Beverly Hills or other cities products.

Commissioner Shivers asked of confirmation of Mr. Kaye's dedication to the project; spoke of her own experiences with Anthologies; Asked what the intended market was.

Chair Trotoux spoke of content concerns and concerns with the essays already collected; stated she would like to see the "History of West Hollywood"; stated she was skeptical of this project; stated concerns that Mr. Kaye may not have a fair perception of the project; stated the Beverly Hills Book is like many many other books and the commission may want to consider doing a series of pamphlets instead of a "coffee table" book.

Vice-Chair Felchlin spoke about wanting an anthology, not a history book; acknowledged the "uneven writings"; stated the diverse aspects are a plus to the project; stated concerns with "starting fresh" and the lack of leadership with the project; stated concerns of the expense being too high but prefers a "coffee table" book;

Commissioner Credle finds inconsistencies in the essays he's read; he stated the essays are not "bad" but more illustrations are needed; stated it was his understanding that the project was never meant to make a profit or create a scholarly book; stated his interest in Bruce Kaye's proposal; asked for explanation of Mr. Kaye's renewed interest and what type of end product is Mr. Kaye committed to; stated not having an editor has been a problem with the project ; asked Mr. Kaye for his thoughts on what the book was lacking;

Commissioner Yeber stated he thought this project was an interesting concept; stated concerns with the received essays being "weak" but fixable; stated his concern that this project has not progressed in a year; suggested salvaging the good essays; suggested the book be more factual with illustrations; he stated the project progress is nice, but not complete; agreed there is a need for additional photographs but may be too costly; spoke of concerns with starting "from scratch" and completing the project in time for the City's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary;

Commissioner Joyce stated she is in agreement with everything already stated; she added she thought the project has become too political trying to make everyone happy; stated concerns of the lack of decision on the "target audience", "who is the consumer we are targeting"; stated her preference to a "coffee table" book modeled after the Beverly Hills Book.

**Action:** Move the project to a subcommittee comprised of Commissioner Hahn, Commissioner Shivers , Vice-Chair Felchlin and report back to the Commission at next monthly meeting.

**Motion:** Hahn

**Second:** Shivers

**Motion Carried unanimously**

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**A. Upcoming Projects.**

City of West Hollywood Senior Planner John Keho reminded the Commission of the Design Sub Committee meeting on July 29, 2004 to discuss 1343 Laurel Avenue, West Hollywood and the Design Sub Committee meeting on August 3, 2004 to discuss the Hart Park Dog Off-Leash Proposal

**11. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Yeber announced "Ca Boom Festival 04" running August 12<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004. For more information go to [www.caboomfest.com](http://www.caboomfest.com).


**ADJOURNMENT:** The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 9:05 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, which will be held on Monday, July 26, 2004 at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

**Motion:** Felchlin

**Second:** Hahn

**Motion Carried unanimously**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2004.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
Planning Staff Liaison