



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Sotsky called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
- 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Sotsky lead the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Jacob Sotsky, Vice-Chair Gail Ostergren, Commissioners Matt Dubin, Lola Davidson and Michael King

ABSENT Yawar Charlie

STAFF PRESENT Doug Vu, HPC Liaison, Dereck Purificacion, Associate Planner and Sharita Houston, HPC Secretary
- 4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Action: Approve the March 28, 2023 special meeting agenda as presented **Motion by Vice-Chair Ostergren, second by Commissioner Dubin and passed.**
- 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Action: Approve the February 27, 2023 minutes as presented. **Motion by Chair Sotsky, second by Vice-Chair Ostergren, and approved.**
- 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
- 8. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
- 9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. **7900 AND 7906 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS:** Request for Cultural Resource Designations (CRD) of 7900 Santa Monica Boulevard and 7906 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood California.

RECOMMENDATION: At the request of the property owner of 7900 Santa Monica Boulevard, this item was continued to a date certain, Monday, April 24, 2023.
 - B. **1150 VISTA STREET (FIESTA HALL) AND 1200 VISTA STREET (GREAT HALL/LONG HALL) CULTURAL RESOURCE DESIGNATIONS.**

STAFF DERECK PURIFICAION provided a presentation of the March 28, 2023 staff report concerning the request for Cultural Resource Designation (CRD) of City Council-initiated applications nominating the Plummer Park Community Clubhouse, known as Great Hall/Long Hall located at 1200 Vista Street, and Fiesta Hall located at 1150 Vista Street.

He discussed proposed project details for both resolutions, their period of significance and criteria for approval. He said Plummer Park Community Clubhouse retains the majority of its exterior character-defining features and said staff has determined that it qualifies for designation as a resource under Criteria A1, A3, B, and C of WHMC Section 19.58.

He said staff also determined that Fiesta Hall retains all of the exterior character-defining features and qualifies for designation as a resource under Criterion A1. Therefore, staff recommends approval of Draft Resolution No. HPC 23-163 and HPC 23-164, recommending approval to the City Council.

Item 9.B. Public Comment:

- Item 9.B Public Comments received via email in support of the nominations (emails were not read into the record):

Joel Mark	Allegra Allison
Hollace Brown	Eric Geller
David Titkin	WHPA
Morna & Ralph Martel	Rudolf Martin
Chris Nichols	Mike Carter
Laura Boccaletti	Justine Block Esq.
Greg Sanders	Jon Ponder/Weho History Center/WHPA
Arthur Hanket	Elyse Eisenberg
Cathy Blaivas	Jerry Plummer/ Plummer Family
Stephanie Harker	Keith Nakata
Anson Snyder	Roy Oldenkamp
Virginia Gillik	
- Item 9.B Public Comments received via email against of the nominations (email read into the record):

Christopher Roth
- Item 9.B. Public Comment Citizen Position Slip In Lieu of Speaking in support of the nominations:

Guenter Keuneeke	Roy Oldenkamp
Laura Boccaletti	Susana Miller
Pat Dixon	Steve Martin
Kevin Burton	
- Item 9.B Public Comments (speakers in support of the nominations):

Judson Feder	Stephanie Harker
George Credle	Cathy Blaivas
Eric Van Breene	Lynn Hoopingarner
Travis Longcore	
Shelia Lightfoot	

Item 9.B. Public Comment Closed

The Commission discussed Draft Resolution No. HPC 23-163 at length. They support the nomination but found a number of discrepancies and omissions within the

application/staff report, DPR form, and resolution. They also expressed concerns regarding the buildings state of neglect/disrepair.

They requested the resolution be amended to accurately list all character defining features and requested staff complete an on-site visit to confirm all character defining features are listed.

Vice-Chair Ostergren moved to approve Draft Resolution No. HPC 23-163 and seconded by Chair Sotsky with the following amendments:

- add brick chimney, wrought iron latches on the shutters, double hung wooden and steel casement windows and fireplace to list of exterior character defining features
- add wood truss ceiling and fireplace to list of character defining features
- directed staff to conduct an on-site inspection with Chattel to identify and include all interior/exterior character defining features within the resolution
- revise nomination documents, staff report and resolution to include the additional information regarding the local significance of the building

Action: Approve Draft Resolution No. HPC 23-163 as amended. **Motion by Vice-Chair Ostergren, second by Chair Sotsky and motion passed on roll call vote 5 of 5, noting the absence of Commissioner Charlie**

The Commission generally supports the nomination, but requested that Draft Resolution No . HPC 23-164 be continued to a date to be determined, to allow staff time for further research concerning the nomination.

Chair Sotsky moved to continue Draft Resolution No. HPC 23-164 to a date to be determined and seconded by Commissioner Dubin, to allow staff additional time to further research the nomination concerning the following:

- Identify interior and exterior character defining features
- Correct “stucco” to “board-formed concrete”
- Expand the period of significance to include other local cultural events of when the City was first incorporated

Action: Continue Draft Resolution No. HPC 23-164 to a date to be determined. **Motion by Chair Sotsky, second by Commissioner Dubin and motion passed on roll call vote 5 of 5, noting the absence of Commissioner Charlie.**

10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

12. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

A. REVISED HPC PURVIEW DISCUSSION:

HPC LIAISON DOUG VU restated City Councils February 21, 2023 direction concerning revisions to the City's Boards and Commissions purview and said, pending clarification from the City Clerk's office, the item will be agendized at a later date.

B. UPCOMING PROJECTS:

HPC Liaison Doug Vu provided the following updates:

- 7900 and 7906 Santa Monica Blvd CRD
- 910 Wetherly Drive New Business Item
- 8433 Sunset (Comedy Store) Billboard Nomination
- 9009 & 9015 Roxy & Rainbow
- Fiesta Hall & Great Hall/Long Hall CRD

Item 12.A. - Public Comment:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO WEST HOLLYWOOD/WHPA commented about City Councils February 21, 2023 direction. He recommended that the HPC utilize the review period as opportunity to request changes to the Commission's purview & governing authority.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

LYNN HOOPINGARNER WEST HOLLYWOOD thanked the Commission for their input regarding Item 9.B. and expressed concern that the opposing public comment was read and not the supporting comments.

STEVE MARTIN WEST HOLLYWOOD thanked the Commission for their input regarding Item 9.B. and expressed concerns about the poor condition of the park.

STEPHANIE HARKER WEST HOLLYWOOD expressed concerns about the poor state of both nominations and explained that Jen Dunbar's initial application/nomination packet included documentation and photographs of the site and is available to staff if needed.

CATHY BLAIVAS WEST HOLLYWOOD thanked the Commission for their deliberation regarding Item 9.B., said documentation is available concerning Great Hall/Long Hall and said she looks forward to the final outcome of the nominations.

JEN DUNBAR/AUTHOR OF PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION/LOS ANGELES thanked the Commission for their input and decision regarding Item 9.B. She commented about the initial nomination and said she has documentation regarding both properties as well as a record of character defining features.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO WEST HOLLYWOOD/WHPA PRESIDENT thanked the HPC for their deliberation. He discussed information about the West Hollywood Commercial Survey which included documentation regarding Fiesta Hall as a potentially significant landmark on the Local level.

He commented about the building at the intersection of Fairfax/Santa Monica with a historic clock located and the building next door; also a potential cultural resource at the local level.

Item 13 Public Comment Closed

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

COMMISSIONER KING commented about the importance of historic designations and the positive impacts they will have on future residents within the City.

VICE-CHAIR OSTERGREN commended Jen Dunbar on the previous nomination she prepared and thanked Staff for the Great Hall/Long Hall and Fiesta Hall nominations. She suggested that members of the public submit documentation they have collected to staff to assist with the revised nominations.

CHAIR SOTSKY thanked Staff for their presentation and assistance with determining a decision concerning Great Hall/Long Hall and said he looks forward to the revisions to Fiesta Hall. He thanked Vice-Chair Ostergren for her expertise and input concerning the nominations.

COMMISSIONER DUBIN thanked Vice-Chair Ostergren for her input regarding the nominations, thanked the members of the public for their attendance and thanked those that have worked towards the nomination since its inception. He requested an update regarding the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) submittal.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON thanked her fellow Commissioners for their input, Staff for the meeting agenda and the members of the public for their due diligence concerning the Plummer Park nominations.

Item 14 Commissioner Comments Closed

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was adjourned at **9:15 pm** to a regular meeting **Monday, April 24, 2023** beginning at 7:00 P.M. and at Plummer Park, Rooms 5 & 6.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SECRETARY, SHARITA HOUSTON

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