



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
DRAFT SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
Meeting
January 28, 2025**

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 Charlie called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Charlie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Davidson, Dubin, King, Ostergren, Vice Chair Zvi, Chair Charlie

Commissioners Absent: Sotsky

Staff Present: Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison; Amanda Yoder Duane, GPA; and Gabriele Gonzales, Acting Commission Secretary.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Commissioner Ostergren, seconded by Commissioner King and unanimously passes.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

ACTION: Approve the draft summary action minutes of Monday, October 14, 2024. Motioned by Vice Chair Zvi, seconded by Commissioner Ostergren and unanimously passes.

***Commissioner Dubin Abstained due to absence.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns with the adequacy of a multi-family historic resources survey.

JON WEISBART, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns with the adequacy of the R1A and R1C historic resources survey.

HIEU VIET HOANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns with the adequacy of the R1A and R1C historic resources survey.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None
8. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR.** None
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
10. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. DISCUSSION OF UPDATED HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT (HCS) AND MULTI-FAMILY HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY (SURVEY) REPORT.

This report presents the results of an HCS and Survey that took place between October 2020 and December 2023 for properties zoned R2, R3, and R4 in the City of West Hollywood.

Antonio Castillo and GPA representative, Amanda Yoder Duane, made a verbal presentation, as presented in the staff report and the summary of findings with details of property identification labels, and then opened the floor for the Commission to discuss.

Public Comments:

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns of the accuracy of the report and adding properties to the report.

Chair Charlie reminds the public that all the information provided is helpful in highlighting concerns and possible suggestions and recommends emailing details to staff.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the WeHo Preservation Alliance, with concerns of the accuracy of the report and adding properties to the report.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, agreed with Victor Omelczenko and spoke on the importance of historic preservation and adding properties to the report.

Chair closes public comment and opens Commissioner discussion.

The Commission inquired about the discontinuation of the historic resources database on the City's website by RuskinARC, what will be used in the interim, a possible permanent solution and how it will work for future data.

The Commission requested clarification on the labels of property identification listed in the report and what they represent, how the re-evaluation process works, and the procedural process of the report and if it will come back to the Commission.

Commission, Staff, and Consultant discussed the Commission's inquiries and request for clarification regarding how the comments from the commissioners and public will be addressed and viewable, how to make a more user-friendly search list of all property identification labels, evaluation and re-evaluation properties, and expediated reviews.

The Commission referred to a few properties with an error on the DPR forms and/or to be given a closer inspection.

The Commission emphasized the importance of public outreach, requested contact information and inquired about any deadline to submit comments.

No additional Public Comment and item discussion is closed.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Planning Staff Update.

Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner/HPC Liaison, stated the upcoming February Historic Preservation Meeting might be canceled due to lack of agenda items, and the potential items for the March meeting will include the annual CLG Report, and the R1A and R1C Historic Resources Survey. Also, announced that Jennifer Alkire has been promoted to Assistant Director of the Community Development Department, and the Acting Current and Historic Planning Manager is Garen Yolles.

Commissioner Dubin inquired about receiving an update French Market, Robertson Lane, and the El Palacio's COA requirements not being met due to the lanterns being removed.

Commissioner Ostergren inquired about Betty Way and Greenacre Avenue being on the survey for the March HPC agenda and possibility of Doors Open California this year and Annual Historic Preservation event.

Commissioner King inquired about receiving an update about Robertson Lane.

Chair Charlie requested that Staff provide updates on any projects and their various stages of completion that have come to the Historic Preservation

Commission. Also, inquired about Commission and At Large appointments, and Mills Act contracts for properties during a sale.

Vice-Chair Zvi asked for confirmation of the date for March meeting.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

LYNN RUSSELL, WEST HOLLYWOOD, expressed her excitement for the participation that occurred at this meeting.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on Carolwood project at the City Council meeting and HPC possible attendance at Council meetings. Betty Way and Greenacre Avenue preliminary report and thanked staff for work on Item 11A.

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Davidson thanked staff.

Commissioner King thanked staff and inquired about notification for HPC items going to City Council.

Chair Charlie thanked staff and the public and mentioned the benefit for public notification for benefits for possible historic designation.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:52 P.M. to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, February 10, 2025**, beginning at **7:00 P.M.** at **Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood CA.**

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 10th day of March 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:	Commissioner:	
NOES:	Commissioner:	
ABSENT:	Commissioner:	
ABSTAIN:	Commissioner:	Sotsky

Signed by:

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