



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
Meeting
March 10, 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 Preservation 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 7:01 p.m.

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

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison; Melissa Crowder, City Clerk; and Gabriele Gonzales, Acting Commission Secretary.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Commissioner Dubin, seconded by Vice Chair Zvi and unanimously passes.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

ACTION: Approve the draft summary action minutes of Monday, January 28, 2025. Motioned by Vice Chair Zvi, seconded by Commissioner King and unanimously passes.

****Commissioner Sotsky Abstained due to absence at the January meeting.***

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JON WEISBART, WEST HOLLYWOOD, advocated for Greenacre Avenue to be given Historic designation on the R1A and R1C historic resources survey.

HIEU VIET HOANG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, advocated for Greenacre Avenue to be given Historic designation on the R1A and R1C historic resources survey.

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on concerns on 9027 Harratt Street and spoke on Women's History Month and events occurring on March 30th.

Chair Charlie reminded the public that all complaints for health, safety, or code violations should be filed with the City of West Hollywood's Code Compliance department.

Vice-Chair Zvi recommended to the public to review the survey on EngageWeho.org.

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

A. DISCUSSION OF CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

This report encourages the preservation of historic and cultural resources by promoting a partnership between municipal governments, the State of California Office of Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service.

Antonio Castillo, made a verbal presentation, as presented in the staff report and opened discussion.

Public Comments:

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on the importance of training for Commissioners, public participation and engagement of local historic program, and mentor members of the community for more potential appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission.

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on behalf of the WeHo Preservation Alliance, referencing the memo that was provided in the packet for public comment, as well as the importance of increased visibility with the community for public education of on the Historic Preservation.

Chair closes public comment and opens Commissioner discussion.

The Commission agreed on the importance of continuous training and discussed

exploring more options for providing that training.

The Commission emphasized the importance of public outreach and spoke on hosting more events utilizing all the historic properties in West Hollywood to host as the location and collaboration with other organizations.

The Commission and Staff discussed the Commission's inquiries about a budget for training and previous years' education/training, additionally speaking on past public events.

Chair closes Item 10.A. discussion.

B. RECORDING AND PUBLISHING COMMISSION MEETINGS ON CITY'S WEBSITE

The City Clerk, Melissa Crowder, provided an update on recording and publishing Commission meetings beginning in April 2025 and review the Ralph M. Brown Act, Rosenberg's Rules of Order, and overall meeting management strategies.

Melissa Crowder, made a verbal presentation, as presented in the staff report and opened discussion.

Chair Charlie opened Public Comment.

Public Comments:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked City Clerk and spoke on the Commission making motions and referred to consistent signage for historic properties and the status of that item.

Chair closed public comment and opened Commissioner discussion.

The Commission and Staff discussed the correct form of meeting management for the Commission such as motions, item follow-ups, budget, training, agenda packets, subcommittees, clarification on minutes and recordings.

The Commission inquired if there were any notifications to be aware of from recent Council meetings regarding commissions and boards.

Chair closes Item 10.B.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. Planning Staff Update.

Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner/HPC Liaison, stated the upcoming April Historic Preservation Meeting might be canceled due to Passover.

In response, ***Chair Charlie motioned to keep the regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Commission meeting on April 14, 2025. Seconded Vice Chair Zvi, and it unanimously passed.***

The potential items for the April meeting will include the R1A and R1C Historic Resources Survey and 8300 Sunset Boulevard. Also, provided updates on the French Market and the Robertson Lane project and spoke on concerns raised in the CLG discussion item.

Chair Charlie inquired about the Schindler House. Antonio responded.

Commissioner Ostergren requested clarification on the webinars and fee coverage. Antonio responded.

Vice Chair Zvi inquired about a list of resources to be recommended. Antonio responded.

Chair Charlie motioned to establish a subcommittee for the Historic Preservation event. Seconded by Vice Chair Zvi, and it unanimously passed.

City Clerk, Melissa Crowder states three is the max for subcommittee in response to Vice-Chair Zvi's inquiry.

Chair Charlie inquired about an update on signage for historic designated properties and a presentation on a How-To for the Mills Act.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on enthusiasm of this HPC meeting, having City Clerk in attendance, and update on French Market. Also, spoke on concerns for Betty Way and Greenacre Avenue for the R1A and R1C survey and to go to Engage WeHo to review the draft report.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke on an excellent meeting and thanked staff, and congratulated the reappointed Commissioners. Also, spoke on the creativity for historic areas in Anaheim and hope to have historic designation signage back on the agenda for discussion for West Hollywood.

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner King spoke of a memory of downtown and self-guided tours that

were able to refer to signage posted and explained the details of the location and the possibility of West Hollywood doing a similar presentation. Also, spoke on the tour of Betty Way and Greenacre he and Commissioner Davidson went on and encourage other commissioners to do the same.

Commissioner Davidson thanked staff and Melissa and spoke on the tour of Betty Way and Greenacre, and encouraged the Commissioners to tour as well; and prefers printed packet over digital.

Commissioner Ostergren spoke on the Angels Walk for the tours previously mentioned by Commissioner King.

Vice Chair Zvi spoke on a good meeting and appreciation of the community, staff, and Melissa.

Chair Charlie thanked staff, Melissa and the public and mentioned the benefit of electronic public notification and advocating for that avenue with staff.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:48 P.M. to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, April 14, 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 14th day of April 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner:
NOES: Commissioner:
ABSENT: Commissioner:
ABSTAIN: Commissioner: Edwards

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ATTEST:

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