



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES  
Meeting  
October 13, 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](http://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. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

A. ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER: ANDREW GOODRICH

**ACTION:** Assistant City Clerk Lulu Morales administered the oath of office to newly appointed Historic Preservation Commission Member Andrew Goodrich.

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR – CITY CLERK

**ELECTION OF CHAIR.**

Commissioner Davidson nominated Matt Dubin as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Charlie.

Commissioner Dubin nominated Jacob Sotsky as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Charlie.

Commissioner Charlie nominated Lola Davidson as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Sotsky.

There were no other official nominations.

**ACTION:** Lulu Morales, Assistant City Clerk, conducted an official election roll call vote for the position of Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission for a full-term commencing on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Charlie confirmed his vote for Commissioner Davidson

Commissioner Davidson confirmed her vote for Commissioner Dubin

Commissioner Dubin confirmed his vote for Commissioner Davidson

Commissioner Goodrich confirmed his vote for Commissioner Dubin

Commissioner Sotsky confirmed his vote for Commissioner Davison.

**Commissioner Davidson is elected Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.**

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.**

Commissioner Charlie nominated Commissioner Dubin as Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Chair Davidson.

Commissioner Dubin nominated Commissioner Sotsky as Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Charlie.

There were no other official nominations.

**ACTION:** Lulu Morales, Assistant City Clerk, conducted an official election roll call vote for the position of Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission for a full-term commencing on July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Commissioner Charlie confirmed his vote for Commissioner Dubin

Commissioner Davidson confirmed her vote for Commissioner Dubin

Commissioner Dubin confirmed his vote for Commissioner Sotsky

Commissioner Goodrich confirmed his vote for Commissioner Sotsky

Commissioner Sotsky confirmed his vote for Commissioner Sotsky (himself).

**Commissioner Sotsky is elected Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.**

Lulu Morales concludes the election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Commissioner Charlie states that per the Assistant City Clerk, he will finish out this meeting as Chair, and the newly elected Chair, Davidson, and Vice Chair Sotsky will lead the next meeting.**

**4. ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Davidson, Dubin, Goodrich, Sotsky, Chair Charlie

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Lulu Morales, Assistant City Clerk; Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner/Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison; Roger Rath, Associate Planner; and Gabriele Gonzales, Acting Commission Secretary.

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Commissioner Sotsky, seconded by Commissioner Dubin and unanimously passed.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**ACTION:** Approve the draft summary action minutes of Monday, July 14, 2025. Moved by Commissioner Dubin, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Motion passed with Commissioner Goodrich abstaining.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

KIMBERLY COPELAND, liaison from the West Hollywood Rent Stabilization Commission, introduced herself and expressed appreciation for the Commission's work. She provided an update on current discussions regarding security deposit interest rates and the review of valuation guidelines, noting that a public update is expected next month.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

**9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. 8811 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD**

Commissioner Goodrich disclosed his early involvement in the project and recused himself, then exited the room.

Roger Rath, Associate Planner, provided a summary of the project's background regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness, as presented in the staff report and opened the discussion to the applicant for presentation.

Taylor Cornell, Architect at Preen, Inc., on behalf of the applicant, spoke on the goals of the establishment and the proposed aesthetic designs and Katie Horak, Principal at Architectural Resources Group explained the research they did to for the history and previous restorations of the building,

to keep in line with the character-defining features for their proposed designs.

The Commission requested clarification on the character-defining features, the Green Building Standards, and inquired about alternate designs for the awning.

**No Public Comment for Item 10.A**

**Commissioner Sotsky moved to 1) Approve staff's recommendation for approval of Draft Resolution No. HPC 25-176 with the amended date of October 13, 2025.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Davidson**

**ACTION) Draft Resolution No. HPC 25-176** "A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE EXTERIOR REHABILITATION OF A DESIGNATED CULTURAL RESOURCE BUILDING (FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SHERMAN) LOCATED AT 8811 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING A FINDING THAT THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER CLASS 1 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR EXISTING FACILITIES (14 CCR §15301) AND CLASS 31 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE RESTORATION/REHABILITATION (14 CCR §15331)." (EXHIBIT A)

**Motion by Commissioner Sotsky, seconded by Commissioner Davidson, passes, noting Commissioner Goodrich recused himself from this item.**

Chair Charlie closed ITEM 10.A.

Commissioner Goodrich returned to the room after ITEM 10.A. closed.

**11. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

**A. Planning Staff Updates.**

Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner and HPC Liaison, outlined potential agenda items for the November meeting, including the swearing-in of the second at-large appointee, Jessica Hencier, and an informational item regarding the Certificate of Appropriateness. He also provided updates on 645 Robertson Lane and the French Market at 7985 Santa Monica Boulevard. Mr. Castillo expressed appreciation to former Commissioners Amy Zvi and Gail Ostergren for their service on the Historic Preservation

Commission and noted that he had reached out to convey the staff's gratitude on behalf of the Community Development Department. Commission Dubin inquired about the stored factory building for Robertson Lane and whether it is being properly cared for in the interim while the new project plan is being submitted, and if both projects will return to the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Chair Charlie closes Item 13.**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

OLIVER KREMER, co-founder of Mic Drop Karaoke, congratulated Commissioner Goodrich and expressed excitement to open the business.

**15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Dubin congratulated Commissioner Goodrich on joining the HPC, congratulated staff and the Commission for a great HPC event at the Whisky and thanked out-going Commissioners Gail Ostergren and Amy Zvi for their service on the Commission, as well as the public for coming out

Commissioner Sotsky welcomed Commissioner Goodrich, thanked out-going Commissioners Gail Ostergren and Amy Zvi and thanked staff for bringing an update on Robertson Lane.

Commissioner Davidson thanked out-going Commissioners Gail Ostergren and Amy Zvi, as well as Chair Charlie for his service. Also, thanked staff for bringing an update on Robertson Lane and French Market, and for a great HPC event at the Whisky.

Commissioner Goodrich thanked Commissioners for the warm welcome and to staff for help onboarding.

Chair Charlie spoke on having some educational presentations brought to the Commission, aside from the online educational opportunities. Welcomed Commissioner Goodrich and thanked out-going Commissioners Gail Ostergren and Amy Zvi. Thanked Antonio for the work on the HPC event at the Whisky and mentioned Vintage LA has some video clips from the event. Thanked the public and encouraged promotion of the Historic Preservation Commission.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 7:45 P.M. to a regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, November 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:           Commissioner:  
NOES:           Commissioner:  
ABSENT:       Commissioner:     Charlie  
ABSTAIN:      Commissioner:     Hencier

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