

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 25, 2004
CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

PRESIDING: CHAIR ALICIA MILLIKAN

Call to Order	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
Roll Call	Present: Susan Deen; Luther L. Henderson, III; Ronnie Jayne, and Alicia Millikan.
Pledge of Allegiance	Mim Shapiro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.
Staff Present	Christine Byers, Public Art & Historic Preservation Coordinator; Susan Evans, Community Development Director; and, Elaine Gerety, Event Supervisor. Jeff Samudio of Design Aid Architects was present on behalf of the City.
Agenda Posting	It was moved by Commissioner Deen, seconded by Commissioner Jayne and unanimously carried, to receive and file the Secretary's Report regarding the agenda posting for this meeting.

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Item #5.

Action Item.

Consideration and Recommendation to the Planning Commission of a Certificate of Appropriateness for an Adaptive Reuse Project Pertaining to Sound Stage 6 at Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Christine Byers summarized the staff report by stating that Stage 6 was included in Culver City's local registry of historic structures and had a designation of "Significant" which required that a Certificate of Appropriateness be approved prior to making any major alterations to the building's exterior. She continued by stating that the approval or disapproval of the Certificate of Appropriateness application pursuant to the City's Municipal Code was a Planning Commission decision. The purpose of this meeting was for the Cultural Affairs Commission to review the application package and provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission prior to their meeting on September 8, 2004.

Ms. Byers' report summarized the process and the changes that were being proposed to the structure in converting it from a sound stage to a multi-story office building. As a significant mitigation measure towards the impact this project would have on one of the Culver City's cultural resources, Ms. Byers noted that Sony was providing a detailed historical documentation package to include a narrative section, bibliography and images of both the existing interior and exterior of Stage 6 and the connecting breezeway. This documentation package follows national guidelines and

copies will be provided to the Culver City Historical Society, the local library as well as the City.

Ms. Byers then introduced Jeff Samudio of Design Aid Architects who served as the City's historic preservation consultant for this project. Ms. Samudio made a few comments with regard to the methodology used in arriving at a consensus but still ensuring compliance with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Following staff's and Mr. Samudio's report, the Chair called upon Bill Honnold who spoke on behalf of the Sony project team. Mr. Honnold thanked City staff for their hard work. He stated that the Sony team was pleased with the proposed set of changes to Stage 6 and that this project had been very rewarding.

Commissioner Deen asked about the materials for the new windows and whether or not information from the historical documentation package would be included in the Sony Pictures Web Museum. Mr. Honnold replied that the windows in both design and materials would be sympathetic to the overall volume as mass of Stage 6 but would utilize modern materials such as UV filtering glass. April Dmytrenko, Vice President of Studio Relations and Information Management at Sony Pictures Entertainment, added that in a recent meeting about the Sony Web Museum, there had been comment regarding adding components of the historical documentation package.

Commissioner Henderson asked about the project schedule and how progress during demolition and construction is monitored. Mr. Honnold replied that once approvals are received from the City, the construction team works closely with the City's Building & Safety Division through all phases of the project.

Commissioner Jayne noted how exciting this project was and Chair Millikan stated that this process could become a new standard for future projects involving historic structures.

Item #6.

Commissioners' Comments.

Both Commissioner Jayne and Commissioner Deen reminded all present about Fiesta La Ballona, scheduled to begin on Friday, August 26th and noted some of the activities available. Commissioner Deen thanked Sony for their contribution to the decorations for Fiesta.

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Adjournment.

With no further business for the Commission to consider, the Chair entertained a motion for adjournment.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JAYNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:40 P.M. TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MIKE BALKMAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL.

Respectfully submitted,


Alicia Millikan, Chair


Christine Byers, Public Art & Historic Preservation Coordinator