

What is an HPOZ, and Why Is it Important?

By JONATHAN SILBERMAN

Part of HPHT’s mission is to preserve the architectural history of Highland Park and the Arroyo Seco communities, which is why we support Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs) that protect the exteriors of ‘contributing’ structures and provide oversight of new development within designated historic neighborhoods. The Highland Park/Garvanza HPOZ is the largest HPOZ in the City of Los Angeles; awareness of our HPOZ helps community stakeholders to put into proper perspective the true wealth of significant architectural and historical resources that we have here in our community, and why preserving them is important.

Many common misconceptions persist about HPOZs, and HPHT is working to ‘change the culture’ and alter perceptions of our historic neighborhoods in a broader way, in a manner that celebrates what’s special about Highland Park and other neighborhoods and finds great value and localized empowerment in the preservation of our own architectural and cultural resources. Neighborhood integrity is something of lasting value that is truly priceless; it is a source of pride that unites our

community in a meaningful way, and not something that should be defined by real estate trends that change over time.

Projects and initiatives like The Living Museum, historic landmark designations, etc are examples of work that we’re doing right now to preserve and educate, but we need to do more. This is why we are launching a new initiative to better educate those in our community about our HPOZ; why it’s important, how it works, and why it’s a positive mechanism by and for the community, for OUR benefit.

Community stakeholders need to better understand the relevance and value of HPOZ restrictions. HPOZs represent a hard fought manifestation of civic pride, not arbitrary government bureaucracy that doesn’t respect individual rights. HPOZ guidelines are about local empowerment that’s rooted in history and strengthens our community, rather than the misinformed perception that “HPOZs exist to make life difficult, as a thorn in the side, preventing individuals from doing what they want with their properties.” HPOZs are about the power of a community to make reasonable changes to their

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properties, while saying 'NO' to insensitive development that fails to respect the scale and distinctive characteristics that make our neighborhood special and worth preserving in the first place.

A tension sometimes exists between speculative motivations and neighborhood preservation considerations, and all too often preservationists are forced to fight inappropriate development that threatens to irreparably damage the integrity of our neighborhood, be it in the form of a new condominium complex, a small lot subdivision, or a home remodel. One huge problem is that most realtors and many homeowners and business owners are poorly informed about the

HPOZ guidelines, and to the extent that they do know anything, they too often see such restrictions merely as obstacles to higher sales and increased development. This becomes an even more pressing issue in 'up' real estate cycles like we're now



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experiencing, when there is renewed interest in development and flippers/speculators become a huge factor in what's driving prices.

Development is a given part of our neighborhood's evolution, and can be positive, but it must be done in a way that respects the integrity and character of our area... and this is where the reasonable guidelines of our HPOZ work to protect us, and represent our values as a neighborhood.

In the coming months we will be launching a targeted (and ongoing) PR campaign that addresses these specific issues. As a supporter of HPHT and historic preservation, please help us to spread the word! Interested in getting involved? Contact us at: membership@hpht.org or by phone at (323) 908-4127.

For more information on the Highland Park/Garvanza HPOZ please visit the LA Office of Historic Resources website: <http://preservation.lacity.org/hpoz/la/highland-park-garvanza>

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Charles Lummis Inducted into the California Library Hall of Fame

As the website states "The California Library Hall of Fame honors the historical significance and lifetime achievements of the many librarians, library workers and supporters who have helped promote and improve library services in California." <http://www.cla-net.org/?405>

Charles Lummis and 7 other individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on November 7, 2014, at the CLA Awards Ceremony at the annual conference in Oakland, CA.

Lummis is characterized as a "Colorful Southwestern cultural leader and early director of the Los Angeles Public Library". Clicking on his name on the page highlighted above provides an article sup-

porting his nomination and induction.

<http://www.cla-net.org/?page=665>

"Lummis... served as director of the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) from 1905 to 1910. During his administration, he sought to make LAPL the most influential research institution in the West. He dramatically increased the library's historical holdings, expanded and diversified library services, and fought to professionalize the library's staff. Although his professional library career was brief, Lummis's vision and perseverance helped create educational and research institutions that, to this day, preserve California's unique cultural heritage."

Support the next phase of the **NELA Community Newspapers Preservation and Archiving Project**, a joint project partnering Occidental College, HPHT, and the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society. Donations can now be submitted online through the HPHT website; please visit <http://hpht.org/donate.php> and simply select the category 'NELA News Project', enter your donation info and submit. Thank you for your support!

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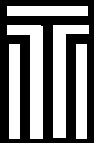


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Southwest Museum Centennial

BY ANN WALNUM PHOTOS BY RONALD ROCHA

The Southwest Museum Building Centennial, held Saturday, August 16, 2014, was gratifying. It's estimated attendance of 200 brought back memories of pre-merger days when the patio and Sprague Hall were filled with like-minded friends, neighbors and museum goers.



There were several pre-merger staffers in attendance such as Barbara Arvi (education director), Bryn Potter (basketry curator) and Joann Simon (intercultural coordinator).



The greetings from Rick West and Councilmember Gil Cedillo were pleasant and hopeful.



Among the four lecturers in the Sprague Hall program, Chris Morris, of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, showed us the way to fair negotiations: 1) all stakeholders invited and valued, 2) no pre-determined plan or result and 3) open and transparent processes.

The Mayan tunnel and library both held one-day exhibitions. The library showed historic pictures and architectural plans, and articles relating to the building of the museum. The tunnel had one retrieved historic diorama and inspired student



work from Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts and Franklin High School. HPHT's Louisa Van Leer guided the students of Los Feliz teacher, Evelyn Serano, and principal Linda Lee, to produce dioramas featuring "Living Museum" scenes done in paper, greenery and stones.

Franklin Advanced Placement Spanish students, working in groups of four in Javier Narvaez' classes, produced larger models in a very workman like way that indicated "an appreciation of beauty and creativity in architecture as well as preserving and propagating our architectural styles in the Arroyo Seco region and surrounding vicinities" as quoted from the class lesson plan of Mr. Narvaez.



N.B. Sixty-one year Northeast Los Angeles resident, Ann Walnum, remains active in many community endeavors but her first priority, since 1988, has been the protection and restoration of the Southwest Museum.



MARKETPLACE, the NPR Program, is Here in Highland Park

Have you "invited yourself" to the Marketplace storefront, 6187 N. Figueroa St, to talk about upward mobility and/or the gentrification issue? What do you call what's happening in Highland Park specifically (Northeast Los Angeles in general) with the creation of businesses and sales of houses? It's a good conversation. Office hours are 10 to 6 Monday through Friday to mid-November. You can make an appointment to have an in depth discussion. There's a recording booth as well as questions to guide the discussion.

A hello from your new "neighbors"...

Marketplace, a national public radio show based in Los Angeles, has set up a temporary home – a neighborhood "bureau" of sorts in Highland Park. The venue serves as a work space for reporters and producers to observe how wealth is changing this community. It's also a place where residents, new and old, can participate in an interactive way with our radio project. Intrigued? We hope so.

If the bureau is open, come on in and talk to us. Or, schedule some time to come back when it's convenient for you. To get more information any time, please contact the Wealth & Poverty Desk at wpdesk@marketplace.org or call (213) 621-3500.

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Un saludo de sus "vecinos"

"Marketplace", un programa nacional de "Radio Pública" radicado en Los Angeles, ha creado un hogar temporal - una "Oficina" - en la comunidad de Highland Park.

El lugar sirve como un espacio de trabajo para los periodistas y productores para observar cómo la riqueza está cambiando esta comunidad.

Es también un lugar donde los residentes, nuevos y viejos, pueden participar de una manera interactiva con nuestro proyecto de radio. Intrigado? Esperemos que sí.

Si la oficina está abierta, pase adelante y hable con nosotros. O, llame para hacer una cita a una hora que sea conveniente para usted.

Para obtener más información en cualquier momento, por favor póngase en contacto con el "Wealth and PovertyDesk" a wpdesk@marketplace.org, o llame al teléfono 213-621-3500.

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Questions? Please contact
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Nostalgia Brought Paul Turney to the HPHT Sycamore Grove Walking Tour on August 23, 2014

My grandfather, a German citizen, built a house for his wife and daughter (my mom) on the corner of Marmion Way and Shanley Avenue in the early 1920's. My grandparents lived at that location for over 60 years. I'm happy to say that the house is still standing, and looks better than ever!

[My family lived on Avenue 53 for several years after I was born in 1951. We later moved to Riverside. My brother and I spent at least a week at my grandparent's house in Highland Park, every summer, when we were young. I have many happy memories of playing on the hillside behind their house, walking to the Southwest Museum and going to movies at the Highland Theater.

I have moved several times since then, but still have warm feelings for Highland Park and Los Angeles in general. I have memories of looking toward downtown when the only "high rise" visible was city hall.



HPHT HCM Designations Team

Highland Park Heritage Trust is happy to announce that there is a group of members who are happily learning the process that produces historic-cultural monument (HCM) designations. That's right! Charlie Fisher has some help and is happily teaching others how to do what he has done for NELA and other parts of Los Angeles, for years.

At the September meeting the Board of Directors accepted, in order of priority, the Historic-Cultural Landmarks Committee plan to focus on the following nominations:

Prebbles on Figueroa (aka IHOP, Franciscos) in Cypress Park, the San Fernando Road Bridge (with one buried arch and not covered by National Registry of Arroyo Seco Parkway) and the Safeway (aka El Super) on York Blvd at North Avenue 56, the most in tact Marina style building in L.A.

Charlie is proud to announce the York Boulevard Church of Christ (Church on York), HCM was approved by the L.A. City Council on July 30, 2014. We want to continue the momentum. Are you ready to learn and help? Contact the HPHT at (323) 908-4127 or info@hpht.org and a member of the designations team will follow up with you.

HPHT to Support HHPNC Land Use York Blvd Specific Plan project

The HPHT Board decided to support in concept the HHPNC Land Use committee's working group to develop a York Blvd. specific plan. Earlier this year the committee found it necessary to provide some guidance and uniformity to the planning process as new developments come to York Blvd. CD14 verbally agreed to adopt the project once the community is able to get it "off the ground."

Harvey Slater, HPHT board member, a member of the HHPNC and the Land Use Committee Chair, indicated that this will be a long process, require political will, have to take into account design and height, and will be referenced in general to the City specific plans but specific to Highland Park. The committee knows that they can start with the "windshield survey" that was completed several years ago through an HHPNC grant by Charlie Fisher, with the assistance of Janet Dodsen and Tina Gulotta-Miller.

Have you noticed the tremendous amount of work HPHT does in the preservation community? As you know, HPHT is an all-volunteer, member-supported organization and, as such, your membership is greatly appreciated.

Would you be interested in playing a more active role in our events or activities? Please consider volunteering to help us continue advocating for historic preservation in our community. Contact us at membership@hpht.org or (323) 908-4127 for more information on ways that you can help. **Thank you.**

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- **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month, Highland Park/Garvanza HPOZ, 6PM, Arroyo Seco Library Community Room, 6145 N. Figueroa St, Highland Park
- **Thursdays and Saturdays**, 10:00 AM to Noon, Volunteer your time to help with the Community Garden at the top of the Hopi Trail at the Southwest Museum. Barbara Arvi, director, Barbara@indiancenter.org (323) 274-1070, A.I.F.P Headquarters, 5809 N. Figueroa St, Highland Park, 90042. View the garden at website <http://indianfamilies.org>, and help with the cooking classes beginning on the 3rd Saturday of October
- **Sunday, October 19, 10AM to noon**, LA Commons LA Found Walking Tour—Great Streets LA: Highland Park. Free walking tour of North Figueroa Street. Info: www.lacommons.org
- **Saturday, October 25**, 9AM to 5PM, 9th Annual Archives Bazaar, Doheny Memorial Library, USC, Free to registrants, cost for parking, to register to attend http://www.laassubject.org/index.php/archives_bazaar or volunteer to help with the HPHT/ ERVHS/Occidental College booth, info@hpht.org or (323) 908-4127
- **Bi-monthly Walking Tour**, Sycamore Grove, Highland Park area, October 25, December 20, January 24, February 21, register at www.hpht.org or (323) 908-4127
- **Sunday, December 14, 2014**, HPHT Annual Holiday Party, at the home of Ron and Laurie Rocha, 150 S. Avenue 55, Highland Park, 2PM to 5PM, Potluck and Kris Kringle gift exchange.

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