

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT MOTION

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The Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments, located at 11544, 11538, 11530, 11524, 11518, 11519, 11504, 11500, 11454, 11446, 11440, & 11434 National Boulevard (on the South side of the street between Butler Avenue and Federal Avenue) is an historically significant site which should be included in the City's list of historic or cultural monuments.

The Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments is a string of 12 single story, ranch style, 4-unit buildings along National Boulevard in the Westdale-Trousdale area. These apartments are the original one-story rental units of Westdale Village, a community developed by Paul W. Trousdale, a prominent developer in Los Angeles. The Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments were built in 1949 by developer and builder Phil Yousem under the direction of Paul W. Trousdale. They were designed to match the overall style of the homes and landscaping developed in the rest of Westdale Village, where the single-family homes were so popular that the last ones had to be sold by lottery. The residents of these homes enjoy large park-like front lawns, setbacks and side yards. The reversed L shaped buildings provide common courtyards for families and neighbors to congregate and recreate. As part of Trousdale's Westdale Village, the Courtyard Apartments remain under the Village's CC&R's to this day.


The Westdale Village Courtyard apartments were also designed to bring the outdoors in with large windows and large green spaces. They are remarkably intact and still retain the majority of features inside and out that make them representative of the 1949 boom, ranch style and the original Westdale dwellings.

The Administrative Code defines an historical or cultural monument as any site, including significant trees or other plant life located thereon, building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

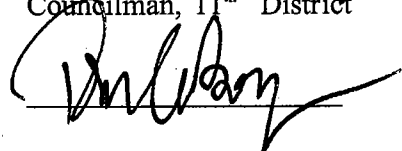
The Administrative Code also provides that the City Council can propose sites for inclusion on the list of historic or cultural monuments. The Cultural Heritage Commission after reviewing and investigating any such Council initiated amendment to the list, and after soliciting opinions and information regarding such potential site, shall approve or disapprove the proposed inclusion or deletion and submit a report upon such action to the City Council. In addition, the Administrative Code provides that there shall be a temporary (60 day) stay of demolition, substantial alteration or removal of any such proposed location or structure Pending Designation.


I THEREFORE MOVE that, pursuant to Section 22.126 of the Administrative Code, the City Council propose that the Westdale Village Courtyard Apartments, whose location is identified in the text of this Motion, be included in the City's list of cultural or historic monuments, with the understanding that such proposal requires, pursuant to Section 22.125.1 of the Administrative Code, that there shall be a temporary (60 day) stay of demolition, substantial alteration or removal of any location or structure at this site pending designation.

PRESENTED BY:


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