

MOTION

To maintain and enhance the quality of life and sense of place, and stabilize the University Park community for future generations, the University Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) was adopted on March 22, 2000. (Ordinance No. 173,160, Council File 00-0270.) University Park includes some of the best and intact groupings of residential architecture constructed between 1880 and 1930. At the time of its adoption, the HPOZ was drawn along Council District boundaries which resulted in a six block area (“the six orphan blocks”) that lacks the administrative oversight that all other adjacent historic properties are afforded.

The six orphan blocks are bounded by the centerline of 24th Street on the north, Adams Boulevard on the south, Hoover Street on the east and Vermont on the west. The six blocks are compatible in context and built form to the properties within the University Park HPOZ and should be included in the zone. In the original creation of the University Park HPOZ, and in SurveyLA, the expansion of the University Park HPOZ has been recognized as a worthwhile planning goal.

Previously, until its expiration in 2000, these six blocks were in the Adams Normandie 4321 Community Redevelopment Agency’s (CRA) project area which included oversight through the Project’s Urban Design Guidelines Program. Lacking the design review afforded by CRA or an HPOZ, this historic six block area has experienced questionable demolitions, alterations to the historic fabric and incompatible new construction.

While the Planning Department initiates and completes proceedings to expand the University Park Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ), in the six blocks, demolition, building and any other applicable permits should be prohibited during the HPOZ expansion period, thus necessitating an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO.)

In accordance with Section 12.20.3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, and Ordinance No. 175891, HPOZ boundaries can be expanded. The University Park HPOZ Board is empowered by the Ordinance to recommend such boundary changes and has made such recommendation by formal motion on August 21, 2012.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department to initiate and complete proceedings to expand the University Park HPOZ to include the six orphan blocks described above and prepare a report for review and consideration of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee forthwith.

FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, with the assistance of the City Attorney, to prepare and process an Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to prohibit the issuance of demolition, building and any other applicable permits within the six orphan blocks.

FURTHER MOVE that the ICO include an Urgency Clause making it effective upon publication; and,

FURTHER MOVE that the ICO shall run for one year with two six month extensions by Council Resolution or until the appropriate steps for adoption of the expansion of the Zone have been prepared by the Planning Department, adopted by Council and become effective, whichever occurs first, and,

FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department prepare and present the ICO for the review and consideration of the PLUM Committee.

PRESENTED BY:   
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SECONDED BY: 

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