

ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - E

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Members:

OCT 07 2014

C. D. No. 13

SUBJECT:

Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street - Walk of Fame Additional Name in Terrazzo Sidewalk – JOHN DENVER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the City Council designate the unnumbered location situated one sidewalk square northerly of and between numbered locations 134 and 135 as shown on Sheet 19 of Plan D-30385 for the Hollywood Walk of Fame for the installation of the name of John Denver at 7065 Hollywood Boulevard.
- B. Inform the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce of the Council's action on this matter.
- C. That this report be adopted prior to the date of the ceremony on October 24, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

No General Fund Impact. All cost paid by permittee.

TRANSMITTALS:

1. Unnumbered communication dated September 16, 2014, from the Hollywood Historic Trust of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, biographical information and excerpts from the minutes of the Chamber's meeting with recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame the name of John Denver. The ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

The communicant's request is in accordance with City Council action of October 18, 1978, under Council File No. 78-3949. Following the Council's action of approval, and upon proper application and payment of the required fee, an installation permit can be secured at 201 N. Figueroa Street 3rd Floor, Counter 23.

Respectfully submitted,

for 
Lemuel M. Paco, P.E.
Central District Engineer
Bureau of Engineering

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cc: Construction Services Center, Counter 23
Bureau of Street Services
Administration



STAR.PERMIT.EXTENSION-date change for John Denver star ceremony

Martinez, Ana <stargirl@hollywoodchamber.net>

Mon, Sep 29, 2014 at 9:22 AM

CORRECTION: DUE TO AN EVENT CONFLICTING WITH OUR JOHN DENVER STAR CEREMONY WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.



September 16, 2014

Mr. Gary L. Moore

Public Works Engineering

Att: Lemuel Paco

201 N. Figueroa, 3rd Floor, M.S. 503

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has approved the below listed name for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame:

JOHN DENVER (Category –RECORDING) Requested star location to be 7065 Hollywood Blvd., north side of the street next Author Services. The star for JOHN DENVER will be placed in the newer extension of the Walk of Fame. The star is in the second row by itself. It will be between stars that are set in the original row for THE FUNK BROTHERS (135) to the east and RAY PARKER JR'S star which is numbered (134) to the west. According to Sheet 19, D-30385, the star for JOHN DENVER has no number. THE STAR WILL POINT WEST. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 24,

2014 at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to a response from your office soon.

The following materials are enclosed: JOHN DENVER'S bio and Board minutes.

Sincerely,

Ana Martinez

Vice President, Media Relations/Producer Walk of Fame

cc:

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Martinez, Ana

From: Amy Abrams <amy@7smgmt.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 10:12 AM
To: Martinez, Ana
Subject: Re: really need that bio please

You can download a couple of high res photos at this link: <http://johndenver.com/press/>, let me know if one of these works for you. Below is a bio for John Denver.

JOHN DENVER BIO:

One of the world's best-known and best-loved performers, John Denver earned international acclaim as a songwriter, performer, actor, environmentalist and humanitarian. Denver's career spanned four decades and his music has outlasted countless musical trends and garnered numerous awards and honors.

The son of a U.S. Air Force officer, Denver's artistic journey began at age eleven when he was given his grandmother's guitar. Denver eventually took guitar lessons and joined a boys' choir, which led him at age twenty to pursue his dream of a career in music.

In 1963 he struck out on his own, moving to Los Angeles to be in the heart of the burgeoning music scene. It was during this time that Henry John Deutschendorf, Jr. was urged by friends to change his name if a recording career was to be in his future. He took his stage name from the beautiful capital city of his favorite state, Colorado. Later in life, Denver and his family settled in Aspen, Colorado and his love for the Rocky Mountains inspired many of his songs.

John Denver experienced his first major break in the music industry when he was chosen from 250 other hopefuls as lead singer for the popular Mitchell Trio. Two years and three albums later, Denver had honed his considerable vocal talent and developed his own songwriting style. He gained recognition when his song "Leaving On A Jet Plane" was recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary, becoming their first and only number one hit. As the Mitchell Trio disbanded, Denver was climbing up the pop charts as a solo act with songs like "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine On My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Back Home Again," "Thank God I'm A Country Boy," and "Calypso," solidifying his position as one of the top stars of the 1970s.

By his third album in 1970, Denver's social and political leanings were defined more clearly. Denver was one of the first artists to share an environmental message through his music.

Denver contributed his talents to the benefit of many charitable and environmental causes and received numerous civic and humanitarian awards over the years. Fans responded to his heartfelt urgings about ecology, peace, and compassion that were consistently delivered in a gentle manner on his records and at live performances.

His passion to help create a global community paved the way for ventures into new musical and geographic territories. In 1985 he was invited by the Soviet Union of Composers to perform in the USSR, inspiring the internationally acclaimed song "Let Us Begin (What Are We Making Weapons For?)." The powerful video for "Let Us Begin" moved viewers around the world.

"I thought that I might be able to do something to further the cause of East/West understanding... The Russians

say that the first swallow of spring won't make the weather for the whole season, but it can mark the turn toward a warmer climate. I tried to be that swallow."

The success of his visit led to a concert tour of the USSR in 1986. These were the first performances by an American artist since the Cold War began – an unprecedented cultural exchange between the United States and the Soviet Union. He returned to the USSR in 1987 to do a benefit concert for the victims of Chernobyl.

Denver was also the first artist from the West to do a multi-city tour of mainland China, in October 1992. He was somewhat astonished to discover how popular and well known his songs were in China. "Country Roads," he was told, "is the most famous song written in the West."

Denver was a true adventurer, exploring all that the world had to offer. Throughout his life's journey he challenged himself on every level, which is an integral part of what made him an extraordinary man, an uncommon friend and a rare human being.

While the frontiers of the American West satisfied his spirit, less-traveled frontiers appealed to his imagination. Denver was an experienced airplane pilot and collected vintage biplanes. His interest in outer space was so great that he took and passed NASA's examination to determine mental and physical fitness needed for space travel. He then became a leading candidate to be the "first civilian in space" on the Space Shuttle Challenger. Denver planned to write a song in space, but circumstances kept him from joining the ill-fated expedition, which saddened the world when it exploded during take-off in 1986.

Among his many gifts, Denver was also a talented photographer. He photographed images of the people and places he experienced in his travels and showed his work professionally, often in connection with speeches made at colleges and universities as well as government and business facilities across the country.

Many of Denver's songs reflected his relationship with nature and indeed, one of his greatest pleasures was spending time outdoors. He spent as much time as possible backpacking, hiking, climbing and fishing. He was an avid golfer and skier, regularly participating in celebrity charity events for both sports.

John Denver died tragically in a plane crash on October 12, 1997. He was survived by his brother Ron, mother Erma and three children, Zak, Anna Kate and Jesse Belle.

On March 12, 2007, Colorado's Senate passed a resolution to make Denver's trademark 1972 hit "Rocky Mountain High" one of the state's two official state songs, sharing duties with its predecessor, "Where the Columbines Grow."

Today, millions of fans old and new enjoy the work of this extraordinary performer. Thirty albums and four decades after he began, John Denver's music is as relevant as ever. His humanitarian work continues to strengthen our global village, and his dynamic celebration of life, spirit and nature is a powerful inspiration to us all.

best,

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES/PAGE TWO
SEPTEMBER 24, 1982

HOLLYWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT - Hubert Boisvert

The Municipal Court committee had a meeting with City and County officials to discuss the perimeters for a location in Hollywood. With the help of the commercial brokers in attendance a suitable site, or a few proposals should be lined up in three to four weeks.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Dave Paradis

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAUL MASTERSON AND SECONDED BY BILL FIGGE TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST - CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS REPORT - Charles Heckathorn

There are 19 losses this month, which brings the total membership to 880. Oscar Arslanian is the leading Board member in bringing in leads and actual sales.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL FIGGE AND SECONDED BY PAUL MASTERSON TO APPROVE THE 21 NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHAMBER - CARRIED.

President Welsh thanked Terry Jorgensen and George Ullman for the outstanding Mixer at the Bank of Hollywood. Welsh also mentioned the success of the recent President's Breakfast with Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky and the Walk of Fame Ceremony for Henry Mancini.

WALK OF FAME NOMINATIONS 1983 - Bill Welsh

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR INSERTION IN THE WALK OF FAME IN 1983: DYAN CANNON, TELLY SAVALAS MARIE WINDSOR FOR (MOTION PICTURE); STAN CHAMBERS, IRON EYES CODY, BEVERLY GARLAND, RICH LITTLE, WILLIAM SHATNER FOR (TELEVISION); JOHN DENVER, RAPHAEL MENDEZ (Posthumous), SMOKEY ROBINSON, AND PAUL WILLIAMS FOR (RECORDING) - CARRIED - MOTION WAS MADE BY BOB SELIG AND SECONDED BY CHRISTINA GALANTE.

PARADE John Golden

Statements have gone out to all Chamber members requesting their sponsorship of the Santa Float. The Parade Committee feels that this is a most important float and they do not want it to be a commercial float. Also, special grandstand seating is available to Chamber members at a discount and including parking passes and a program. The deadline for special seats is November 8. This year we are very pleased to say that we have extended an invitation for the entire City Council to ride on their own special float in the Parade.

CRA Bill Welsh

There will be a meeting at City Hall on October 7, at 3PM, regarding the the invitation to CRA to come to Hollywood. We believe it is time for action, we feel the eminent domain factor is not that bad, we need to move ahead. Everyone with property interest in Hollywood should attend.