

# SECTION 5

Transcript of the  
June 6, 2022  
Landmark Commission  
Hearing  
6219 La Vista Drive  
CA212-354(LVO)

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IN RE: LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES  
6219 LA VISTA DRIVE - CA212-354 (LVO)  
LANDMARK COMMISSION MEETING  
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June 6, 2022  
1:01 p.m.

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2 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Welcome.

3 This is the public hearing of the  
4 Landmark Commission. It is June 6, 2022  
5 at 1:01, and I'm calling the meeting to  
6 order.

7 I'm Evelyn Montgomery. I'm the  
8 vice chair of the Commission and the  
9 acting chair. Our acting vice chair  
10 today will be Commissioner Diane  
11 Sherman. We do have a quorum present.  
12 I would ask that Elaine would take the  
13 roll call.

14 Elaine?

15 Elaine, I'm asking you to please  
16 take the roll call. I don't think your  
17 mic is on yet. Okay.

18 MS. HILL: So you've already  
19 called the meeting to order? Did I miss  
20 it?

21 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Yes, the  
22 meeting has been called to order and now  
23 we need you to do the roll call.

24 MS. HILL: I'm sorry, I just  
25 didn't get the time. I apologize.

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District 1, Commissioner Sherman?

COMMISSIONER SHERMAN: Present.

MS. HILL: District 2,

Commissioner Montgomery?

COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Present.

And the meeting came to order at 1:01,  
by the way, Elaine.

MS. HILL: Okay. Thank you.

District 4, Commissioner Swann?

COMMISSIONER SWANN: Present.

MS. HILL: District 5,

Commissioner Offutt?

COMMISSIONER OFFUTT: Present.

MS. HILL: District 6,

Commissioner Hinojosa?

COMMISSIONER HINOJOSA: Present.

MS. HILL: District 7,

Commissioner Livingston?

COMMISSIONER LIVINGSTON:

(Inaudible).

MS. HILL: District 12,

Commissioner Rothenberger?

COMMISSIONER ROTHENBEGER:

Present.

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MS. HILL: District 13,  
Commissioner Slade?

(No verbal response.)

MS. HILL: District 15,  
Commissioner Velvin?

COMMISSIONER VELVIN: Present.

MS. HILL: Commissioner Anderson?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Present.

MS. HILL: Commissioner Taylor?

(No verbal response)

MS. HILL: Commissioner Cummings?

COMMISSIONER CUMMINGS: Present.

MS. HILL: And CPC Liaison,  
Commissioner Hampton.

That's it. It's nine in  
attendance.

(Audio 4:34:13 - 4:38:21)

MS. MONTGOMERY: Now we move on to  
D5.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Discussion item  
number 5 located at the 6219 La Vista  
Drive in the Swiss Avenue Historic  
District, CA212-354 (LVO).

The request is a Certificate of

1  
2 Appropriateness to retain replacement of  
3 original leaded glass windows with  
4 single light glass.

5 Staff recommendation that the  
6 request for Certificate of  
7 Appropriateness to retain replacement of  
8 original leaded glass windows with  
9 single light glass be denied.

10 The proposed work does not meet  
11 section 51P-63.116-1P of the Swiss  
12 Avenue Preservation Criteria, the  
13 standards in City Code Section  
14 51A-4.501G-6C Romanette (i) and the  
15 Secretary of the Interior of Standards.

16 STAFF: Task Force recommendation  
17 is that the request for a Certificate of  
18 Appropriateness to retain replacement of  
19 original leaded glass windows with  
20 single light glass be denied.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Is there  
22 any discussion on this issue? And if  
23 not, is there a motion?

24 Just speak right up. All right.

25 STAFF: All right. Regarding

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2 discussion item 5, 6219 La Vista Drive,  
3 item CA212-354, I move to deny the item  
4 without prejudice, taking into account  
5 staff recommendation.

6 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Do we  
7 have a second on this?

8 Commissioner Velvin, I think you  
9 had your hand up. All right. Is there  
10 any discussion?

11 All right.

12 FEMALE SPEAKER: I have a  
13 question.

14 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Go  
15 ahead.

16 FEMALE SPEAKER: I think the Staff  
17 recommendation was denial?

18 STAFF: You're correct. I will  
19 amend my motion to be denied with  
20 prejudice.

21 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Oh, that  
22 sounds bad. All right. We are  
23 completely following Staff  
24 recommendations, including their  
25 preserved. And Commissioner Velvin has

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2 signaled that she also supports that  
3 change.

4 All those in favor of this  
5 motion --

6 FEMALE SPEAKER: Who made the  
7 motion?

8 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Pardon  
9 me?

10 FEMALE SPEAKER: Rothenberger.

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Commissioner  
12 Rothenberger, if you could just say your  
13 name before you speak, that would help  
14 out a whole bunch. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: You're  
16 not even on the --

17 COMMISSIONER ROTHENBERGER: I do  
18 have a comment about this. We're past  
19 the motion, correct?

20 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: No, you  
21 can -- we haven't gotten there yet. You  
22 can comment.

23 COMMISSIONER ROTHENBERGER: Okay.  
24 I think this is definitely a poster  
25 child for getting some teeth into our



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2 program. I know that the Certificate of  
3 Appropriateness process has in the  
4 enabling ordinance -- has a place to put  
5 in, you can give a person a citation a  
6 day until they conform. And I'm not  
7 saying we should beat them up real bad,  
8 but this is the case that this has been  
9 going on forever. And maybe this code  
10 compliance has been working with fees  
11 and fines, but I'd like the city  
12 attorney to look into what we have in  
13 our toolbox because there's a lot of  
14 code violations around that are just  
15 languishing, and maybe we need to beef  
16 up our citations and fees a little bit.

17 COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: All  
18 right. Thank you. I am normally  
19 hesitant to approve an outright denial  
20 because it seems so final, but it does  
21 sound like this is a unique situation  
22 where we've made a case why it really,  
23 really matters to take a strong stance.  
24 So everyone do what they think is best.

25 All those in favor of this motion,

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please say "Aye".

(Commissioners say Aye).

COMMISSIONER MONTGOMERY: Anyone  
opposed to this motion?

Okay. This motion has carried  
again. Staff will let the owner know  
they received a denial. They can go to  
CPC for a fee. They can come back to us  
and talk about a different idea for the  
solution of their problem, but not the  
same idea.

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: SS

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I, Adrienne M. Mignano, a  
Registered Professional Reporter and Notary  
Public within and for the State of New York,  
do hereby certify the within is a  
a true and accurate transcription of the  
audio tapes recorded for a proceeding on  
June 6, 2022.

I further certify that I am  
not related to any of the parties to this  
action by blood or marriage, and that I am  
in no way interested in the outcome of this  
matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this 20th day of  
July 2022.



ADRIENNE M. MIGNANO