

## II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



The purpose of the West Hollywood Historic Resources Survey has been to identify and documents in a systematic manner the City's historic resources throughout its entire area of 1.9 square miles. Three broad categories of resources were identified by the City in its November 26, 1985 application for a grant from the Office of Historic Preservation:

1. residential clusters of historically significant architectural styles;
2. individual buildings of architectural styles worthy of architectural note; and
3. streetscapes and urban or community design elements of significance.

Although the focus of the study was the pre-World War II era, outstanding examples of post-war architecture were also considered. In accomplishing its goals, the project emphasized the documentation of the best remaining examples of a style and/or building type, the identification of the most characteristic and intact buildings and groupings, the inventorying of resources which could be associated with a known architect or builder, and

the researching of significant remnants of the earliest decades in the history of the community.

The survey is perceived by the City as a crucial first step in the preparation of a "comprehensive historic preservation program for the retention and rehabilitation of the City's historic resources". To that end, the City applied for a \$10,250 grant from the State in 1985. Explaining that West Hollywood's "status as a new city provides a unique opportunity to prepare a strategy that could significantly impact on staff recommendations and council policy decisions", the letter accompanying the application stated that the City's intention is to "create a state-of-the-art historic preservation program". According to the application, the results of the survey will be used:

- "a. as background data for the development of a historical preservation ordinance;
- b. as a data source for the development of a historic preservation section in the land use element of the City's comprehensive general plan...;
- c. to rank priority historic preservation projects and develop a historic preservation plan; and
- d. to provide guidance to the historic preservation task force when established."

Furthermore, the City stated, the production of the National Register of Historic Places nominations, walking tour pamphlets, and slide shows was also anticipated.

Following the execution of a contract granting \$10,250.00 in matching funds between the State of California and the City of West Hollywood, the City contracted with the firm of Johnson

Heumann Research Associates on July 24, 1986 to coordinate the survey. According to the contract provisions, the consultants were assigned to oversee the survey project by coordinating and staffing the volunteer team and Review Committee. The consultants were specifically charged to train volunteers, to produce a windshield survey and a final report, and to assist the City in mapping the survey results. Inventory forms would be produced by the volunteers and reviewed and edited by the consultants.

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