

***Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2007***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on October 16, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Milofsky. Present: Commissioner Michelle Sanchez, Commissioner Wally G. Shidler, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Barry Milofsky. Absent: None. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry L. Gray, City Engineer Patrick Fu, Building Official Wes Lind, Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinoza, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on August 21 and September 4, 2007:

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meetings held on August 21, and September 4, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances:

None.

New Business:

The following Public Works projects were reviewed with the Commissioners to determine whether or not the projects merit the need for historical review in the design objectives. In addition, a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of each project was presented to the Commission by Senior Planner Eric Garcia. Building and Engineering officials also distributed handouts.

▶ ***Chesley Circle Fencing:***

Mr. Gray summarized the proposed project that would include the replacement of the existing perimeter chain link fence with a new decorative wrought iron fence.

Ms. Espinoza stated that the residents have been involved in the design process. Ms. Espinoza added that the following recommendations from Councilmember John Noguez be considered for the fencing:

- A fence at least 5 feet in height
- See through fencing
- Prominent gate with the name of the park
- Craftsman style gate around the park

Chairman Milofsky recommended that the Building Official meet with the Director of Parks and Recreation to determine the appearance of the fence and gate that will surround the park.

▶ ***Restroom Rehabilitation at Civic Center Park and Municipal Park:***

Mr. Gray summarized the proposed renovation of the bathrooms' interiors that would include new fixtures and partitions. The only proposed exterior alteration will involve the installation of wash sinks on the exterior wall at the Municipal Park.

Ms. Espinoza stated that the walls in the restrooms are in need of anti-graffiti coating. Mr. Lind explained the changes that will be made at both the Civic Center and Municipal Park restrooms. There was a consensus with the Commissioners for the Building Official to continue with the proposed restroom improvements.

▶ ***Pacific Boulevard Restrooms:***

Mr. Gray and Mr. Lind explained to the Commission the City Council's desire to provide for restroom facilities within the City's downtown area. Mr. Lind reviewed the design of the units currently available as well as each unit's purchase cost and the cost to install the utilities required by the bathroom units.

There was a consensus with the Commissioners that their input is needed in the design objective as options are being considered and that the Commissioners are to be kept informed.

▶ ***Police Department Elevator:***

Mr. Gray informed the Commissioners that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is necessary that an elevator be installed in the Police Building. Mr. Lind stated that he is at an impasse with the Police Chief as to where the elevator is to be located. Mr. Lind proceeded to review the different options for the location of the elevator.

Following a discussion, Mr. Gray recommended that the Building Official and the Police Chief explore other available configurations of the Sergeant's office or the Watch Commander's office.

Chairman Milofsky recommended that staff work with the Architect to seek other alternatives. There was a consensus with the Commissioners that the elevator not be located on the outside of the building.

▶ ***Police Annex Remodeling:***

Mr. Lind reviewed the proposed interior remodel of the Police Annex Building. Mr. Lind advised the Commission that the interior of the building was not original, since it had previously been remodeled to accommodate the Health Department. Mr. Lind also reviewed the proposed garage/storage area addition proposed along the south elevation of the building.

Chairman Milofsky requested from staff a history report of the building for city record purposes before any changes are made by the consultant. Commissioner Shidler requested that the community room reflect the same Spanish architectural design of the surrounding city buildings. There was a consensus with the Commissioners that the Police Department proceed with the interior changes to the Health Department building.

▶ *Wrought Iron Fence at Miles/Slauson Reservoir and City Yards:*

Mr. Lind reviewed the proposed replacement of the existing perimeter chain link fence with a new decorative wrought iron fence. Mr. Gray recommended that the chain link fence be replaced with wrought iron, eight feet in height, with shepherd's hooks, for security requirements that have to be met at the Miles/Slauson Reservoir as well as City Yards.

There was a consensus with the Commissioners that this project does not merit the Commission's input and that staff proceed with the proposed improvements.

▶ *Landscape Plan for Randolph east of Santa Fe:*

Mr. Lind reviewed the proposed landscape treatment that is proposed along Randolph Street within the Railroad right-of-way.

There was a consensus with the Commissioners to have the City Engineer proceed with the Landscape Plan for Randolph east of Santa Fe and that this project does not merit the Commission's input on the design objectives.

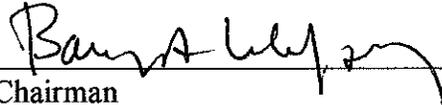
Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners:

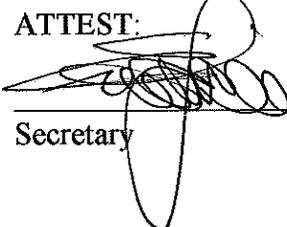
Commissioner Sanchez prepared a draft newsletter as a tool to inform and educate the community regarding historic preservation in the City. Chairman Milofsky suggested a web page for the Historic Preservation Commission. Chairman Milofsky suggested to the Commissioners to start planning for nominations of properties as Historic resources.

Chairman Milofsky requested from staff to place on the next agenda a discussion of the Mills Act.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.


Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary