

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2008*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on May 6, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Avygail Sanchez, Wally G. Shidler, Michelle Sanchez, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Barry Milofsky. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry L. Gray, Acting Planning Manager Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2008, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

- A. HPC CASE NO. 08-02 HRD: A resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of 6727 Santa Fe Avenue (APN:6321-024-028) as a Historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Due to a conflict of interest, Commissioner Sanchez recused herself from the meeting.

Acting Planning Manager Eric Garcia briefly reviewed with the Commissioner the new format that will be utilized for this current case, as well as any future cases designated as a Historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register. Mr. Garcia presented the Executive Summary and State Department of Parks and Recreation Historic Resources Inventory Form provided by the City's historic preservation consultants, Sapphos Environmental Inc., which reveals significant detail of the structure. Chairman Milofsky recommended that given the amount of time and effort that the Sanchez family has put forth to maintain the house in its original state, that the house be designated as the Sanchez-Moore house on the Historic Register.

Mr. Garcia stated that it is the recommendation of the Planning Division staff that the Commission conduct a Public Hearing, consider all public testimony, and adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council that the property located at 6727 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255 be designated a Historic Resource and placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor or against HPC Case No. 08-02 HRD. After a discussion and with no one coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 08-02-HRD, Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schidler, seconded by Commissioner A. Sanchez, to APPROVE AND ADOPT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 08-02 HRD, recommending to the City Council the placement of the property located at 6727 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, California 90255, be designated a Historic Resource and placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schidler, A. Sanchez, Luna and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: M. Sanchez.

Commissioner Sanchez re-entered the meeting.

New Business

A. Discussion and/or action of the proposed Police Department Elevator.

Acting Planning Manager Eric Garcia presented a power point presentation which revealed the location of the proposed elevator. Mr. Garcia stated that the elevator would be placed outside the walkway, where the two corridors meet, and would utilize a small portion of the Civic Center Park, and would require removal of two trees. Mr. Garcia added that this project is before the Commission due to the fact that since the Civic Center has been designated a Historic Resource, any changes to a historic site would require a Certificate of Appropriateness through a Public Hearing.

Present to address the Commissioners were Wes Lind, the City Building Official as well as Assistant Chief of Police Cosme Lozano. Mr. Lind gave a brief history of earlier attempts to construct the elevator and the difficulties with building and costs with placing the elevator within the building. Chief Lozano stated that it would be more cost effective and less disruptive if the elevator were placed on the outside of the building. A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Shidler felt that there would be too much disruption within the police department during the construction, should the elevator be placed on the outside of the police building. The Commissioners requested staff to return this item to the next meeting with information on feasibility costs and a west elevation of the Police Department showing the proposed elevator. Chairman Milofsky stated that there is not enough information for Commission to make a decision and requested that staff provide more information on the fees associated with the project.

C. Discussion and/or action on the Los Angeles Unified School District "Old Schoolhouse."

Following a discussion, a request was made by the Commissioner to recommend to the City Council that a formal request from the Council be submitted to Yolie Flores Aguilar, Board Member of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, to relocate the "Little School House" back to Huntington Park High School for its centennial celebration in 2009.

B. Discussion and/or action of Historic Preservation Month Certificates of Recognition.

Acting Planning Manager Eric Garcia announced that five nominations had been received for the Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Recognition. Nominations for 7020 Marconi, 2662 Clarendon, 6363 Middleton, 6401 Rugby and 7141 Pacific (Washington Mutual Bank) will be presented with certificates at the City Council meeting to be held on May 19, 2008.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner M. Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner A. Sanchez, to recommend that the Historic Preservation Commission approve the resolution recommending to the City Council the presentation of Certificates of Recognition to the property owners of the nominated properties acknowledging their efforts in maintaining the historically distinguishing features of their properties/structure. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Shidler left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

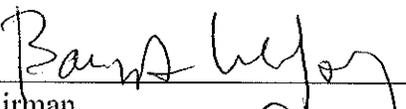
Information Items

Chairman Milofsky presented a picture of plaques created by the City of Los Angeles which could be placed at historic properties/structures. Mr. Gray stated that depending on how many plaques are purchased, costs could be a factor. Mr. Gray added that staff assist Commissioner M. Sanchez in developing several designs and to bring back samples to the next meeting for Commission review.

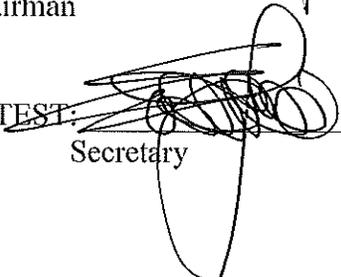
Commissioner Michelle Sanchez distributed a sample of the first issue of the Historic Preservation Commission Newsletter and asked for thoughts and recommendations from the Commission as well as staff. Commissioner M. Sanchez suggested that packets with information of the Mills Act, be distributed to residents that would qualify. Mr. Gray informed the Commissioner's that the consultant, Sapphos Environmental, will be assisting staff with various literature handouts, however, due to the high cost of utilizing the consultant, that he would prefer to make use of them in other resources.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Chairman

ATTEST: 

Secretary