

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2008*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on October 21, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Michelle Sanchez, Wally Shidler, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Milofsky; Absent: Avygail Sanchez. Chairman Milofsky excused Commissioner A. Sanchez from the meeting. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Assistant Planner Gabriela Silva and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner M. Sanchez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2008, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

New Business

- A. Discussion and/or action on the removal of street trees at 6731 Hood Avenue.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia informed the Commission that he received a request from Andy Ramirez of the Field Services Department that the property owner at 6731 Hood wishes to remove two trees from his property. Mr. Garcia stated that the owner has complained of a litter problem from the olives, when ripe, fall from the trees and stain the sidewalk, and create a slip and fall condition. Mr. Garcia added that the trees do not conform to the City approved tree planting list. Mr. Garcia gave a Power Point presentation with photographs of the two trees. Mr. Garcia stated that he is requesting direction from the Commission.

Commissioner Shidler suggested maintaining the trees by removing the roots below the sidewalk and then replacing the sidewalk. Chairman Milofsky requested to continue this item to the next meeting and to invite Andy Ramirez, Parks Supervisor, for further discussion.

B. Discussion and/or action on Historic Resource Designation Plaques.

Mr. Garcia requested discussion and direction on the plaques, such as materials, size, shape, text, content, installation and costs. Mr. Garcia added that it is undecided as to whether the City will be providing funds to purchase the plaque.

The Commissioners discussed and agreed to include the name of the architect, the date the house was built and the date the house was designated as a Historic Landmark. Mr. Garcia stated that Staff will work with the property owner to secure a location for the plaque on the house. Finally, Mr. Garcia stated that staff will return to the Commission with the cost of the plaque and to clarify all points before making a recommendation to City Council.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Sanchez requested from staff, copies of the Mills Act Application.

Commissioner Shidler recommended that staff investigate having the piano in the City Hall lobby refinished and tuned in order that the piano could be played so that visitors are greeted with music as they arrive to the City Council meetings.

Chairperson Milofsky requested that the discussion of historic plaques be placed on the next agenda.

Public Appearances

Present to address the Commission was Angela Espinoza-Diaz, Gloria Filitti and Larry Diaz. Ms. Diaz stated that her parents have a home that is considered a historical site and are considering painting and replacing the windows. Ms Diaz wishes to upgrade the home and is therefore seeking direction from the Commission.

Information Items

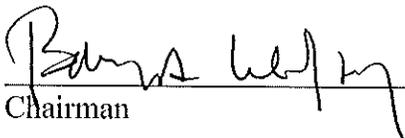
Chairman Milofsky requested information from staff as to the status of the scope of the Consultants, as well as the status of the Historic Preservation Intern.

Mr. Garcia replied that staff has made an offer to an applicant.

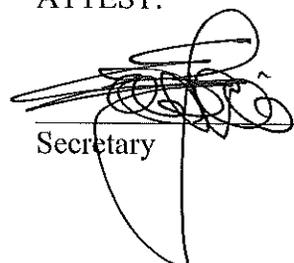
Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to the regular meeting of November 18, 2008.

ATTEST:



Chairman



Secretary