

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2009*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on April 21, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Michelle Sanchez, Wally Shidler, Avygail Sanchez, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Milofsky. Absent: None. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Assistant Planner Gabriela Silva and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Michelle Sanchez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 17, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

Alva Villa, representing Case No. 08-07 HRD, 2458 Randolph Street, and speaking on behalf of her mother, Maria Baca, expressed her appreciation to the Historic Commission for recognizing her mother's home. Ms. Villa also wanted to thank the HPC for their efforts to preserve the historic homes in Huntington Park.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

Public Hearings

- A. Case No. 08-03 HRD A resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of 6700 Newell Street (APN: 6324-036-033) as a Historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register.**

Planning Manager Eric Garcia stated that the property owners of 6700 Newell Street were present and had several questions and concerns regarding placement of their home on the Huntington Park Register of Historic Resources and recommended that this item be continued so that the concerns could be addressed with the owners.

Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor of/or against HPC Case No. 08-03 HRD. After a discussion, Chairman Milofsky requested to continue the public hearing to meet with the property owners of 6700 Newell Street.

B. Case No. 08-07 HRD A resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of 2458 Randolph Street (APN: 6320-018-014) as a Historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Mr. Garcia briefly reviewed with the Commission, 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.

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 2458 Randolph Street, 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 of/or against HPC Case No. 08-07 HRD. After a discussion and with no one coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 08-07 HRD, Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner A. Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner M. Sanchez, to APPROVE AND ADOPT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 08-07 HRD, recommending to the City Council the placement of the property located at 2458 Randolph Street, Huntington Park, California 90255, be designated a Historic Resource and placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Shidler, A. Sanchez, M. Sanchez, Vice Chair Luna and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None.

New Business

A. 2010 Census Committee Member nominations.

Present to address the Commission was Arlene Savage, Chairperson for the Health and Education Commission. Ms. Savage, representing the Health and Education Commission, who have been selected by the City Council as the 2010 Core Census committee, requested that the HPC select 2 commissioners to be a part of the Core group for the 2010 Census to assist with the budget, education, literature and classes, to educate residents on the Census. Commissioners Avygail Sanchez and Carolina Luna volunteered to be a part of the group for the 2010 Census committee.

B. Discussion and/or action on the removal of a street tree at 3415 Cudahy Street

Chairman Milofsky recommended forming a subcommittee to review reports of tree removals prior to submittal to the HPC. Commissioner A. Sanchez agreed stating that homes and buildings are of more importance.

Mr. Garcia stated that the property owner is requesting tree removal due to the lifting of the sidewalk and that the roots from the tree are causing problems with the sewer lines. Mr. Garcia added that the roots have been cleared once, however, they continue to be a problem. Chairman Milofsky requested to continue this item and to have staff research how other Cities conduct these types of situations.

C. Discussion and/or action on the removal of street trees along the east side of State Street between Plaska Avenue and Hood Avenue.

Mr. Garcia stated that the Engineering Division is requesting a curb realignment on State Street, between Florence and Saturn Avenues, which also includes removal of 7 existing street trees along the eastside of State Street, between Plaska Avenue and Hood Avenue. Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that this request is being made due to the combination of fast moving vehicles, limited on-street parking and the curving street, which results in a number of on-street parked vehicles being hit by passing vehicles.

Wes Lind, the City Building Official, stated that the cars driven on the northbound lane are colliding with the parked cars. Therefore, Mr. Lind is requesting to insert a new sidewalk curb and gutter and remove the parkway area.

The HPC stated that the trees proposed to be removed were not historically significant; however, they recommended to consider a redesign of the area.

D. Discussion and/or action on the designated structures photo display.

Mr. Garcia presented a power point presentation of the pictures of designated historic buildings that will be placed on the walls inside City Hall.

E. Discussion and/or action on the designated structures plaques.

Mr. Garcia stated at the City Council meeting held April 21, the City Council approved the HPC recommendation to have the City pay for ½ of the manufacturing of the plaques and that the property owner would pay the remaining half. In addition, the Property owner would also pay for the installation of the plaque with staff approving the location as to where the plaque will be placed on the building or site. Chairman Milofsky requested City staff to send a letter to the property owner of all costs and to inform them of the Mills Act as well.

F. Resolution recommending to the City Council the presentation of Certificates of Recognition to property owners that have made significant efforts in maintaining the historically distinguishing features of their properties.

Mr. Garcia stated that City Council will be presenting the certificates at the May 4 City Council meeting.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve and present four certificates to the property owners at 6522 Stafford, 7030 Marconi Street, 6703 Santa Fe Avenue and 6830 Rita Avenue. The motion was unanimously approved

Chairman Milofsky requested that the Commission attend the City Council meeting.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Michelle Sanchez, who attended the 34th Annual California Preservation Conference, April 16-19 in Palm Springs, was very impressed by the planners and architects who spoke at the conference. Commissioner Avygail Sanchez who attended the conference as well, stated that she would like to invite the foundation to conduct a workshop for the residents of Huntington Park on the importance of preserving historical buildings.

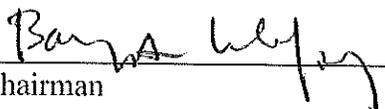
Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that regarding the Historic Preservation Intern, staff has narrowed the interviews to 3 qualified applicants. Mr. Garcia added that Henry Gray, Director of Community Department may conduct a second interview and that a decision will be made soon.

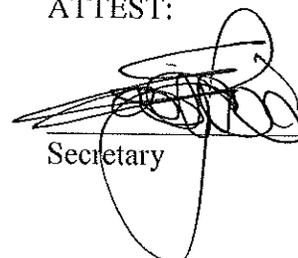
Information Items

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to the regular meeting of May 19, 2009.

ATTEST:


Chairman


Secretary