

*Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2009*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on March 17, 2009.

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

*Minutes of the meeting held on February 17, 2009*

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

*Minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2009*

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Michelle Sanchez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Public Appearances*

None.

*Continued Public Hearings*

None.

*New Business*

- A. Discussion and/or action on the removal of a street tree at 3613 Live Oak Street.**

*Commissioner Avygail Sanchez entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.*

Planning Manager Eric Garcia stated that this item was continued from the previous meeting whereby the Commission requested staff research the liability and maintenance issues with regards to damages to sewer lines on public and private property caused by tree roots. This was in consideration of a street tree removal request at 3613 Live Oak Street. Staff spoke with City Engineer Patrick Fu and Andy Ramirez, Parks Maintenance Supervisor and both stated that in regards to the maintenance, the main line is maintained by the City and as soon as it extends to the

property, it is the responsibility of the property owner. If there is damage caused by a street, even though on private property, it is the responsibility of the City to repair those damages. The tree in discussion is in the public right-of-way.

Mr. Ramirez stated that there are old clay pipes underground, and that pruning the tree will not be enough. Mr. Ramirez added that even if the roots are cut and flushed out, it will only be a temporary fix that would last approximately five months. The City will be liable if the water backs up, should the sewage water drain back to the owner's property. A discussion ensued.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by M. Sanchez to grant removal of tree from the parkway at 3613 Live Oak Street with the provision that the tree be replaced. The motion was unanimously approved.

**B. Discussion and/or action on the designated structure photo display.**

Mr. Garcia stated that this item is on the agenda as requested by Chairman Milofsky. Chairman Milofsky asked that Staff be prepared for Historic Preservation month in May with the photo display and plaques prepared for presentation to the City Council in May as part of Historic Preservation Month.

Mr. Garcia stated that they are in the process of photographing the Historic Resources and shall have photographs for the Commission's review at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner M. Sanchez requested that staff contact the homeowners so that they can prepare their home for the photo.

**C. Discussion and/or action on the designated structure plaques.**

Mr. Garcia stated that he has confirmed with a manufacturer for the structural plaque. Mr. Garcia proposes to do an RFP to solicit qualified companies to install the Historic Resource plaques. Commissioner Shidler suggested having City staff install the plaques to simplify the process. However, Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that it is recommended that a professional qualified company with the appropriate liability insurance install the plaques.

It was unanimously decided by the Commission to forgo the RFP process and simply have the property owners pay for the installation of the plaques. The Commission recommended that the City pay for 50% of the costs to manufacture the plaque, however, that it would be the responsibility of the property owner to install the plaque at a location visible from the public right-of-way as approved by the Community Development Department. Mr. Garcia will present the Commission's decision to the City Council for approval.

**D. Discussion and/or action on the Nomination for Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Recognition for Historic Preservation Month in May.**

Mr. Garcia reminded the Commission of the deadline, Thursday, April 23, for the nominations for Historic Preservation month, which will be submitted to the City Council on Monday, May 4. Mr. Garcia stated that the following nominations have been submitted thus far:

- 7030 Marconi
- 6522 Stafford Avenue
- El Ranchito Restaurant, 6703 Santa Fe Avenue
- Church located on the Northeast corner of Saturn Avenue and Rita Avenue

**Reorganization of the Commission**

A motion was made Commission Shidler, seconded by Commissioner A. Sanchez, to table the reorganization of the Commission until the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 21, 2009.

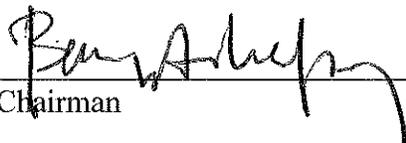
**Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners**

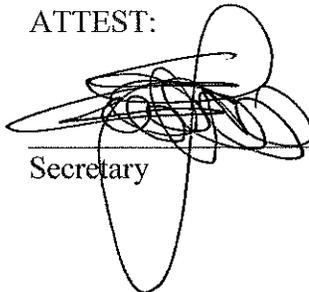
Mr. Garcia stated that there are funds available for the Commission if they wish to attend the conference in Palm Springs.

**Information Items**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. to the regular meeting of April 21, 2009.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Secretary