

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2009*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on May 19, 2009.

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 stated that Commissioner A. Sanchez was out of town and excused her absence from the meeting. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Consideration of HPC Board Reorganization:

Chairman Milofsky vacated his position as Chairman.

Vice Chair Luna called for nominations for Chairman.

Motion by Shidler, seconded by M. Sanchez, to nominate Barry Milofsky as Chairman. The motion carried as follows: Commissioners Shidler, M. Sanchez, Vice Chair Luna and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: A. Sanchez.

Vice Chair Luna vacated her position as Vice Chair.

Chairman Milofsky called for nomination for Vice Chair.

Motion by Milofsky, seconded by Shidler, to nominate Michelle Sanchez as Vice Chair. The motion carried as follows: Commissioners Shidler, M. Sanchez, Luna and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: A. Sanchez.

Minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2009:

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 21, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances:

None.

Continued 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 this item is continued from the previous meeting to address concerns from the property owner, specifically future improvements to the property and if the value of the property diminishes if designated as a historic resource.

Mr. Alfonso Salazar, property owner, was present to address the Commission. Mr. Garcia responded to the property owner that the conclusion of staffs' research revealed that the property value does not diminish, but that it in fact increases the value of the property. Mr. Salazar asked if it is required to obtain permission from the City to sell his home. Mr. Garcia stated that the owner does not need permission to sell his home, but did inform Mr. Salazar of the required pre-sale inspection that is required to protect the buyer. Chairman Milofsky added that another benefit, aside from the pride of owning a historic home, is the benefit of the Mills Act which reduces taxes for the owner.

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 6700 Newell 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. 08-03 HRD. After a discussion and with no one coming forward to speak for, or against Case No. 08-03 HRD, Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Vice Chair M. Sanchez, to APPROVE AND ADOPT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 08-03 HRD, recommending to the City Council the placement of the property located at 6700 Newell 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, Luna, Vice Chair M. Sanchez and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: A. Sanchez.

New Business

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

Following a discussion, the Commission's majority decision was to preserve and maintain the tree and to have the costs endured by the City as well as the property owner. Commissioner Shidler inquired as to the opinion of the City Attorney's input on this matter. Mr. Garcia replied that the City Attorney was not contacted on this matter. Mr. Garcia stated that staff conducted research by calling other cities and verifying as to how they handle these type of requests. Research found that most other cities try to preserve the tree and repair the damage.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Vice Chair Sanchez recommended to staff that the pictures of Historic buildings that have been placed in the City Hall be replaced with improved pictures. Vice Chair Sanchez commented that the pictures were too dark and over exposed. Ms. Sanchez requested that the pictures be brought to the Commission prior to framing.

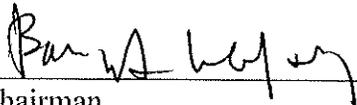
Vice Chair Sanchez informed staff that the property across from her residence, which is also a historic building, has replaced their windows. Vice Chair Sanchez inquired with the City Building department and was informed that no permits were taken for the windows. Mr. Garcia informed Vice Chair Sanchez of the City guidelines for residents when conducting improvements to their homes.

Information Items

- A. Status of the Mills Act: Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that this report will be completed by the end of the Fiscal Year.
- B. Status of the Public Awareness Campaign: Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that this report will be completed by the end of the Fiscal Year.
- C. Status of the Certified Local Government (CLG): The CLG has been completed and is under review. Chairman Milofsky requested that the final be completed by June 30 and placed on the next Agenda, Tuesday, June 16, 2009.
- D. Status of the Historic Preservation Intern: The Intern, who has previously worked as a volunteer with the City of Los Angeles, has been hired, and will start Monday, June 1, 2009.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to the regular meeting of June 16, 2009.



Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary