

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2009*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on August 18, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Carolina Luna, Michelle Sanchez, Wally Shidler, Avygail Sanchez and Chairman Milofsky. Absent: None. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Historic Preservation Intern Carli Chauvin and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2009

Motion by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner M. Sanchez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

New Business

A. Presentation by Brian Kaiser on identifying and salvaging antique ceramic tiles.

Mr. Kaiser's presentation included photographs of his home in City of South Gate, known as the "Keeler home," which depicted the antique ceramic tile detail throughout the home.

B. Presentation of Public Awareness Campaign.

Planning Manager Garcia displayed a PowerPoint presentation of staff's recommended mechanisms to achieve a successful public awareness campaign, which include a historic preservation web page on the City's web site; distribution of published information; and outreach to community groups. After a discussion, the Commission made the following recommendations:

1) That staff establish a target date of within two months to launch the historic preservation web page on the City's web site;

2) That informational articles on the Mills Act and window replacement requirements be published on the next quarterly City's Vista newsletter; and

3) That historic preservation information be distributed by way of utility bill inserts, City events, e.g. Census 2010 public outreach events, street fairs, placement on City Hall public counter spaces and public facilities, such as the public library, police museum, Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, schools and churches; and that staff conduct door-to-door distribution of pamphlets. The Commissioners also recommended that staff meet with local realtors, the City's Business Improvement District, and the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, and that Commissioners

attend neighborhood watch meetings to disseminate information to the public. Commissioner Luna volunteered to translate the informational material into Spanish.

Mr. Garcia stated that staff would present target dates for the Commissioners' recommendations at the next Commission meeting of September 15, 2009.

Staff noted that a workshop on the Mills Act by the California Preservation Foundation was pending.

C. Discussion and/or action of the Certified Local Government (CLG).

Planning Manager Garcia reminded the Commissioners to submit their resumes in order to complete the City's application to become a Certified Local Government.

D. Discussion and/or action of the Mills Act.

Planning Manager Garcia stated that the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the City's Mills Act application and agreement and added that staff would distribute the documents to owners of historically designated properties. Chairman Milofsky requested that staff issue a press release for publication in local publications, e.g. Wave newspaper, El Aviso, Orale, La Opinion, and Los Angeles Times, as well as the Los Angeles Conservancy web site.

E. Discussion and/or action on the Historic Preservation Newsletter.

After a brief discussion, the Commission recommended minor modifications to the draft newsletter text formatting and picture contrast, and that staff develop a "uniform" format incorporating the City's "theme." Commissioner Luna volunteered to translate the newsletter into Spanish.

F. Discussion and recommendation to staff on the St. Martha's Church façade improvement at 6006 Seville Avenue.

Planning Manager Garcia stated that the façade improvement was under Planning Division review and added that the church was not a designated historic resource. After a discussion, the Commission concurred to allow St. Martha's Church to move forward with the façade improvement project.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Chairman Milofsky requested that staff include information on the plaque program with the Mills Act information material sent to owners of historically designated properties.

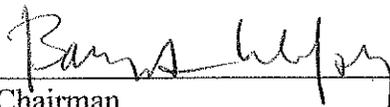
Information Items

Chairman Milofsky requested that staff include the Commissioners in the department's budget discussions for the next fiscal budget year.

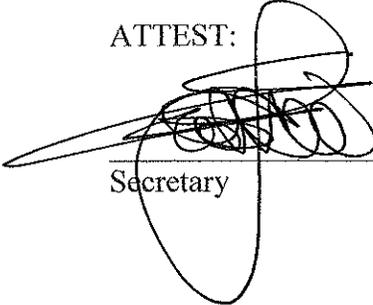
Planning Manager Garcia stated that staff would schedule the tour of the International Police Museum for the next Commission meeting of September 15, 2009.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to the regular meeting of September 15, 2009.



Chairman

ATTEST: 

Secretary