

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on December 16, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Michelle Sanchez, Wally Shidler, Avygail Sanchez, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Milofsky. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry L. Gray, Planning Manager Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

New Business

A. Discussion and/or action on the Historic Resource Designation Plaques.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia distributed a copy of quotes that staff received for the plaques. As requested from the Commission, staff contacted the Police Department and had been informed that they currently purchase their plaques from Gasser-Olds located in Vernon. Commissioner Shidler stated that he left a message for staff to contact a foundry in Huntington Park who can create the plaques.

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

Chairman Milofsky inquired of Commissioner M. Sanchez, whose home was recently designated as a historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register, if she would be willing to purchase the plaque for installation on her home. Ms. Sanchez stated that she would be willing to pay for the plaque.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to recommend to the City Council that the City pay 50% of the purchase of the plaque as well as 50% for installation of the plaque, not-to-exceed 25 plaques, and to contract with Erie Landmark for the manufacture of bronze plaques. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gray inquired of the Commission as to where the plaque should be located within the site. Mr. Garcia reminded the Commission that as stated at the previous meeting, the Commission, authorized staff to work with the property owner in terms of the placement of the plaque, so that it will be visible from the public right-of-way. Mr. Gray recommended that the City select a company to supply the plaques and subsequently have staff process a Request for Proposal to solicit companies that could install the plaques.

B. Discussion and/or action on the updated Historic Preservation Newsletter.

Mr. Garcia asked for any comments from the Commission on the draft newsletter that was presented. Mr. Garcia added that when the final newsletter is completed, it will be available in the lobby at City Hall as well as the front counter in the Community Development Department. Chairman Milofsky distributed an email of the newsletter to Mr. Garcia which indicated his comments and changes. Vice Chair Luna requested that the newsletter be translated to Spanish. Vice Chair Luna stated that she is fluent in reading and writing Spanish and offered to review the final newsletter. Chairman Milofsky requested that the newsletter be posted on the City's website. Mr. Gray stated that he would have staff prepare a link on the City's website which will provide the HPC Ordinance, designation applications, photos of designated sites, as well as other information relating to the HPC.

C. Discussion and/or action on Historic Designation Photograph Display.

Chairman Milofsky requested staff to send photos of Commissioner M. Sanchez home to prepare a sample for the Commission to review. The Commission agreed to have the pictures of an 8 x 10 size, although the frame itself would be larger.

Commissioner Shidler recommended that when placing the photograph of the Warner Theatre, to contact the Margaret Herrick Library Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences or Carol Cole at the Los Angeles Public Library, to acquire a picture of the theater when it was in operation.

Mr. Gray recommended that the type of frame should be of decent quality and reliable, and that the photos should be black and white. Chairman Milofsky recommended using a black frame with a white matte setting.

D. Discussion and/or action on the Street Tree Windshield Survey.

Mr. Garcia asked the Commission for further clarification and direction with regards to the street tree survey that the Commission requested. Mr. Garcia distributed a copy of a street tree survey that was conducted by the Field Services Department in the past. Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that the street tree survey had not been updated for some time. Commissioner Milofsky recommended utilizing Google Maps to view aerial photographs of the City and make a determination of the mature trees based on the crown of the tree shown on the aerial photographs. Once the trees are depicted, then view the street level maps to view the structures and determine their historical integrity.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Information Items

Mr. Gray informed and invited the Historic Preservation Commissioners to attend a Joint Special Meeting with the Community Development Commission, Planning Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission regarding California's relocation laws and requirements. Mr. Gray informed the Commission that the Community Development Commission requested the special meeting due to the City's current residential rehabilitation projects and the increased budget at 6822 Malabar Street which involves the temporary relocation of tenants and the rehabilitation of the site. Mr. Gray encouraged the Commission to attend the special meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 4:30 p.m., at City Hall, in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Gray, in referring to the report from the Los Angeles Conservancy 2008 Los Angeles County Preservation Report Card, stated that the report indicated that the City made significant strides in their preservation programs and rose from an "F" to a "B⁺" rating.

Chairman Milofsky requested staff to urge the Consultants to move forward with the work authorizations. Mr. Gray stated that he would invite the Consultants to attend the next meeting to update the Commission on their progress.

Chairman Milofsky recommended that staff place on the next Agenda a discussion concerning the Post Office on Seville Avenue.

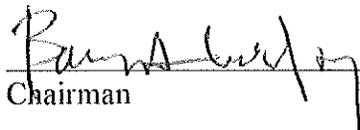
Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that staff is working with the Los Angeles Conservancy's Education Director on having their student advocates identify, nominate, and present to the Commission and City Council a historic resource. Mr. Garcia informed the Commission of two possible sites: the Googie Architecture Norms Restaurant located along Slauson Avenue or the Streamline Moderne building located on Soto Street.

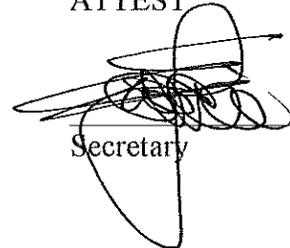
Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that he received the work authorization for the Mills Act from Sapphos Environmental, the City's historic preservation consultants.

Chairman Milofsky requested when issuing certificates for historic designations, to include a picture of the home. Chairman Milofsky requested from the Commissioner's to submit their nominations for its annual National Preservation Month in May, by March, to allow staff sufficient time to prepare the certificates.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. to the regular meeting of January 20, 2009.


Chairman

ATTEST

Secretary