

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2009*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Carolina Luna, Wally Shidler, Vice Chair Michelle Sanchez and Chairman Milofsky. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Development Project Coordinator Juan Arauz, Planning Intern Carli Chauvin and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2009

Motion by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

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None.

New Business

A. Discussion and/or action on the proposed Commercial Rehabilitation project at 6707-6709 Pacific Boulevard.

Mr. Garcia stated that the Commission's requested revisions to the proposed improvements, including maintaining original elements of the existing building, were finalized and that staff was ready to proceed with the rehabilitation of the building.

The discussion that followed included the following comments:

Chairperson Milofsky: 1) the Commission wants to create illusion of the building's historic elements; 2) Commission asked for transom windows; 3) Commission does not want "fake" details where they did not exist; leave original building conditions; 4) recommend to not set precedent with faux window; leave plain; 5) remove keynotes #s 18 (window frame), 19 (faux clerestory window), 20 (foam cornice/shelf above clerestory [transom] windows, otherwise it will "look like Disneyland."

Wally Shidler: 1) should not add details that were not there before; maintain original condition.

Staff: 1) Plans reflect the recommendation made by the Commission in June 2009; 2) upper ornamental pediment is not present in the facade of 6707 Pacific Boulevard.; therefore, the façade at the northern portion of the building cannot be the same as the upper façade of 6709 Pacific Boulevard.

B. Affordable Housing Strategy Committee meeting discussion.

Chairman Milofsky summarized the Policy Comments by the Stakeholder's at the November 23 Committee meeting. Among items of discussion were:

- Adequate housing is equally important as affordable housing
- Zoning options as incentives for affordable housing development
- Social/family support services component
- Pursue residential/commercial mixed use
- Maintenance of existing housing
- Consider acquisition of foreclosed condominiums (first time homebuyers/least to own programs)

Discussion and/or action on the Certified Local Government (CLG) application.

Mr. Garcia stated that staff was gathering the required documentation for submittal of the application. The CLG application includes how the City proposes to use grant monies for its Historic Preservation Program goals and implementation plan for potential grants. Considerations for use of grant funding include a public awareness program; rehabilitation of residential dwellings with significant architecturally historic elements; participation in the development/rehabilitation of affordable housing for the preservation/inclusion of historic elements; historic preservation education for high school students; and consultant services for surveys of potential historic districts.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

None.

Information Items

None.

Identification of Items in Progress

A. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments.

Mr. Garcia state that staff was working on the draft proposed amendments to allow City staff to nominate properties as historic resources and designation of interiors to non-public structures were in progress.

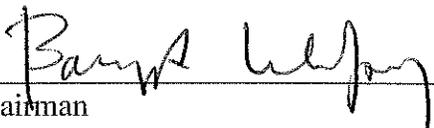
B. City-wide street tree removal policy.

Mr. Garcia stated that discussions with the City's Public Works-Director were pending.

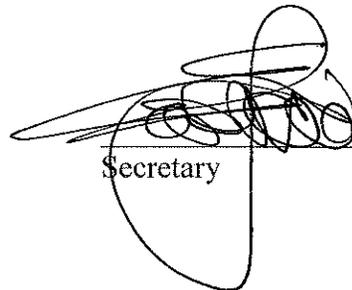
Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. to the regular meeting of January 19, 2010.

ATTEST:



Chairman



Secretary