

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2010*

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

Minutes of the meeting held on August 17, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Milofsky, seconded by Vice Chair Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 17, 2010. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Public Appearances

None.

New Business

A. Discussion of the proposed amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia reviewed the process of amending the Ordinance with the Commission, which includes, presenting the changes to the Planning Commission, who is also the review body that recommends to the City Council and has requested that the item be continued to allow additional time for the Planning Commissioners to review the amendments, as well as to obtain comments from both the Historic Preservation Commission and the State Office of Historic Preservation. The Planning Commission will discuss the Ordinance again on October 6, 2010. Mr. Garcia stressed to the Commission that one of the revisions to the Ordinance were the time limits within the procedures for designating a historic resource. Staff eliminated the time references determination by the Director and submittal to the Historic Preservation Commission for consideration. However, the proposed Ordinance includes a process for an applicant submitting a nomination be called for review by the Historic Preservation Commission prior to the Director's determination.

Commissioner Milofsky inquired as to why revisions to the Ordinance did not include the designation of interiors of private structures. Mr. Garcia replied that this subject is sensitive in terms of legalities; however, he will review the item with the City Attorney. Commissioner Milofsky stated that the designation of interiors of private structures should be included in the Ordinance and an explanation by the City Attorney's explaining any legal issues regarding this matter, including if the nomination is on a voluntary basis by the property owner. Mr. Garcia informed the Historic Preservation Commission that the Planning Commission is the body that recommends Zoning Ordinance amendments to the City Council and that they are free to submit written requests, as part of public testimony, to the Planning Commission for consideration. Lastly, Mr. Garcia stated that an additional concern is with the sale/transfer of ownership of the property and a future owner wishing to remove the designation in order to make interior revisions. Commissioner Milofsky stated that all information should be disclosed at the time of sale and the buyer should be made aware of the designation.

Chairman Shidler requested staff to report to the Commission in regards to the interior, prior to the Planning Commission and after discussion with the City Attorney.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that the Designated Historic site at 2458 Randolph is in process of painting the home but has not been completed and, inquired if there is any information in the ordinance that pertains to color requirements. Mr. Garcia replied that there is a City color ordinance in effect and that if the house does not comply with the ordinance, Code Enforcement officials issue a Notice of Violation to the property owner for compliance. Commissioner Milofsky stated that paint is a reversible element.

B. Discussion of pending Historic Resource Nominations

Mr. Garcia stated that Ms. Chauvin has conducted a report on the Daily Signal, a local newspaper that was established at the subject site, 6408 Rugby Avenue. Chairman Shidler added that the Huntington Park Townsend Club, developed by Francis E. Townsend, operated throughout the United States. One of the offices was located at 6414 Rugby Avenue. The Townsend Club was a government program that provided \$200 pensions for people over the age of 60, which led to the establishment of the Social Security program. Other uses at the subject site included a restaurant located at 6408 Rugby owned by Elizabeth Jones and a real estate office at 6412 Rugby. Commissioner Milofsky stated that he is not thoroughly convinced that this building is worthy for nomination.

Mr. Garcia responded to the Commission's inquiry about transferring money from their stipend, of meetings not conducted, into the account for publications of historic resource nominations. Mr. Garcia stated that staff is unable to transfer the funds into the publication account, however; he offered another option to forgo their stipend all together, so that the allocated stipend money can be redirected towards the publications account. Commissioner Milofsky asked if the Commission were to accept half of their stipend, could the other half be transferred into the general account. Mr. Garcia stated that he would further research this item.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Staff will be coordinating with the Mayor and Commissioner Sanchez, whose homes have been designated as historic resources, the placement of their plaques.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that there is a shop teacher at Huntington Park High School who would like to involve students in working with historic sites in terms of researching and remodeling as part of an educational course. The Commission directed staff to inquire about any City programs, such as the Residential Rehabilitation Program, where the students may get involved. Mr. Garcia stated that he would follow up on this item.

Chairman Shidler stated that on October 23, an archive bazaar will be held at USC, Doheny Library, 10:00 a.m.

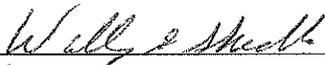
Mr. Garcia stated that he is continuing to work on the historic photos displayed at City Hall.

Identification of Items

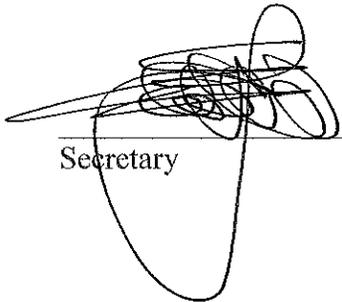
Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Shidler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. to the regular meeting of October 19, 2010.

ATTEST:



Chairman



Secretary