

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2006*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on November 7, 2006.

City Clerk Rosanna Ramirez administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Historic Preservation Commissioners. Mr. Gray welcomed the Commissioners to the first meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commissioners conducted self-introductions and provided a brief summary of their background. Mr. Gray introduced the City's Historic Preservation Program consultant team, Mr. Guido Hamacher, Ms. Tara Jones, and Ms. Debbie Abele, Historic Consultants, Inc.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Gray recommended that the organization of the Commission be postponed to a subsequent meeting. The Commissioners unanimously approved Mr. Gray's recommendation.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Director of Community Development Gray. Present: Commissioners Yessica Jovel, Wally G. Shidler, Carolina Luna, and Barry Milofsky. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Public Appearances

Mr. John Noguez, Huntington Park Mayor and member of the community, welcomed the Commissioners and stated that he was excited about the City's historic preservation efforts and challenges facing the Commissioners, staff and the community in making the Historic Preservation Program a success. Mr. Noguez emphasized the importance of community outreach and education in historic preservation, and stated that he looked forward to working with the Commissioners and staff on this vital program. Mayor Noguez thanked the Commissioners for their willingness and commitment to participate in the City's historic preservation efforts.

New Business

A. Historic Preservation Orientation

Mr. Gray introduced and provided a brief background on Community Development Department staff who will be working directly with the Commissioners. Mr. Gray stated that staff would be providing the information needed for the Commissioners to make well informed decisions.

B. Review of Historic Preservation Ordinance

Ms. Debbie Abele summarized the Historic Preservation Program and stated that its basic foundation is the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Ms. Abele thoroughly reviewed Ordinance No. 789-NS which included summary of 1) establishment of listing of properties worthy of historic preservation; 2) modification to exterior of identified historic buildings; 3) establishment

of demolition approval process; 4) establishment provisions to ensure properties are not lost through neglect; 5) incentives for preserving historic resources; 6) exceptions and findings. Ms. Abele stated that the preliminary information, including a survey designating potentially historical buildings, would be distributed to the Commissioners and staff for further study.

C. Review of Commission Handbook

Mr. Gray gave a brief overview of the City's Commission Handbook and the Brown Act. Mr. Gray recommended that the Commissioners thoroughly review the Handbook and that they contact staff if they needed additional information and/or clarification on any of the topics outlined in the Handbook and on the Brown Act.

Information Items

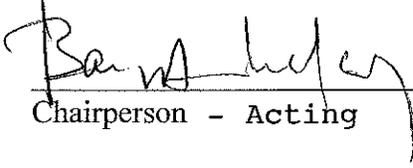
Mr. Gray reminded the Commissioners that the law firm of Richards/Watson/ Gershon, Community Development Commission Counsel, would be conducting an ethics training workshop on November 13, 2006 which would satisfy state mandated requirements (AB 1234 Ethics Training) for elected and appointed city officials.

Subjects Presented by the Historic Preservation Commission

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Director of Community Development Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m. to Tuesday, December 5, 2006.



Chairperson - Acting

ATTEST:



Secretary - Acting