

***Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2006***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on December 5, 2006.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Carolina Luna, Wally G. Shidler, Yessica Jovel, and Barry Milofsky. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa. Mr. Guido Hamacher, Ms. Tara Jones, and Ms. Debbie Abele of Historic Consultants, Inc., the City's Historic Preservation Program consultant, were also in attendance.

Public Appearances

None.

New Business

A. Training: Evaluating the Historical Significance of Structures

Ms. Debbie Abele conducted a comprehensive Evaluation Training session. Ms. Abele stated that the City's program utilizes much of the federal historic program's concept criteria and terms as outlined in the *National Register Bulletin*. Ms. Abele provided a detailed summary on 1) historic preservation term definitions (e.g. building, structure, site, and district); 2) property evaluation within historic context (i.e. how the property relates to an event or an important person, the property's design or construction method, if the property has important contributing to an understanding of human history or prehistory); 3) evaluating the integrity of a property (the property's ability to convey why it is important).

Ms. Abele conducted a PowerPoint presentation depicting properties in the City with potential historical significance, including churches, public buildings, and residential, commercial, and industrial buildings with possibly meeting the criteria required for historic designation, i.e. design, location, setting, materials, and workmanship.

After a discussion, the Commission requested that staff:

- a) obtain information from Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) related to 6351 Regent Street, and invite LAUSD representative(s) to an upcoming Historic Preservation Commission meeting to discuss and receive information on their proposed high school project on the City's west side;
- b) commence "Finding of Fact" process which would initiate the historical designation process of selected properties (agendize for February 2007 Commission meeting);
- c) contact the Warner Theater property owner(s) to request access into the building;
- d) schedule a second Commission meeting on January 23, 2007; and
- e) include at an upcoming Commission meeting a discussion on "demolition of buildings."

After continued discussion, Commissioners Luna and Milofsky volunteered to sit on a sub-committee which will meet with the Arts and Culture Commission as well as the Planning Commission, on items of mutual concern related to historical preservation of structures.

B. Review of Historic Preservation Ordinance: Question & Answer Session

No discussion was held.

Information Items

Mr. Gray briefly informed the Commissioners on the planned upgrades to the City Council Chambers, and stated that the upgrades have been approved by the City Council.

Subjects Presented by the Historic Preservation Commission

None.

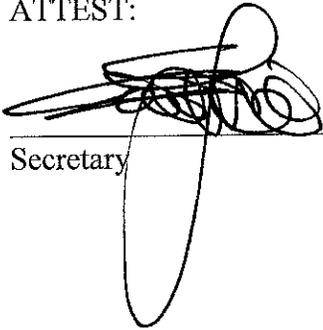
Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to Tuesday, January 2, 2007.



Chairperson, Acting

ATTEST:



Secretary