

***Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2007***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on February 6, 2007.

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. Also in attendance were Mr. Guido Hamacher and Ms. Tara Jones of Historic Consultants, Inc., the City's Historic Preservation Program consultant.

Minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 2, 2007, as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

Mr. Christopher Diaz (333 S. Hope St., 16th Floor, Los Angeles, CA), representing Robertson Properties, Warner Theatre property owner, came forward and requested that he be given timely notification of the hearing to consider designating the Warner Theatre a historic resource and that the Commission postpone any official action at tonight's meeting.

New Business

A. Presentation by Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and discussion of the Environmental Impact Report related to 6351 Regent Street.

LAUSD representatives Roderick Hamilton, David Santana, and Aaron Bridgewater were present to address the Commission. Mr. Roderick Hamilton, Regional Development Manager for LAUSD, presented a rendering and site diagram of the proposed high school which would replace Westside Park on Gage Avenue and Regent Street.

Mr. David Santana, LAUSD architect, stated that the quality and historic elements of the existing building located at 6351 Regent Street could be substantially compromised by seismic and structural modifications that might be required. Mr. Santana added that results of assessment studies of the building would be included in the final EIR as well as reasons why it may not be feasible to include the building as part of the proposed school.

After a discussion and review of the proposed school's architecture, the Commission requested that, if the subject building is razed as part of the new school construction, LAUSD consider compensating the City by relocating the Heritage School building, Bungalow 74, to the Huntington Park High School campus, thereby preserving the building for its historical value. Mr. Hamilton agreed to present the request to the LAUSD Board and further agreed to consider the Commission and City's comments before the EIR certification, as requested by Commissioner Milofsky.

Subjects Presented by the Historic Preservation Commission

A. Commission Initiated Declarations (Commissioner Milofsky)

(There was no discussion held on this matter.)

Commissioner Milofsky requested consideration of a City program recognizing and expressing appreciation to property owners for their effort in maintaining their properties, specifically properties having potential historical significance. Mr. Milofsky suggested that each Commissioner select a property worthy of recognition and to bring back their recommendation to the Commission for further consideration.

Information Items

Mr. Guido Hamacher of Historic Consultants, Inc., reviewed the "Historic Building Overview, 01/03/07," which could be used as a tool in prioritizing buildings for consideration of historic significance.

Ms. Tara Jones, Historic Consultants, Inc., conducted a PowerPoint presentation consisting of a thorough review of "Historic Rehabilitation Financial Incentives 101."

A. Presentation of Warner Theatre Expansion Study

Ms. Tara Jones recommended that a program and development plan for the Warner Theatre potential historic significance designation be created by staff.

B. "Findings of Fact" for the Warner Theatre

Director of Community Development Henry Gray stated that the "Findings of Fact" report was for information purposes only, and that the Commission's official action on formally initiating the process to designate the Warner Theatre a historic resource would be scheduled for a later date.

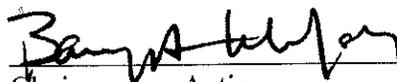
After a discussion, Mr. Christopher Diaz stated that he would advise his client of the City's request that City staff and Commissioners have access to the Warner Theatre to conduct a tour of the Theatre's interior.

C. Work Program for 2007

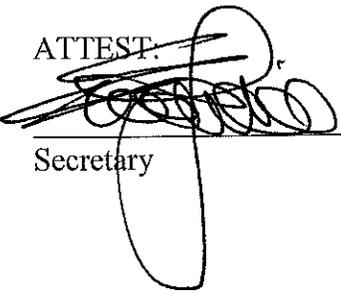
Mr. Guido Hamacher distributed sample forms to be used in the implementation of the Historic Preservation Program for Commission and staff review and consideration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.


Chairperson, Acting

ATTEST:


Secretary