

***Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2007***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on April 3, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Commissioner Luna. Present: Commissioners Barry Milofsky, Wally G. Shidler, and Carolina Luna. Absent: Commissioner Yessica Jovel (excused; notification made). Also present: Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

**Organization**

Commissioner Luna nominated Commissioner Milofsky for Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Shidler nominated Commissioner Luna for Vice Chairman. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Planning Manager Bautista stated that pursuant to City Resolution No. 2006-83, City staff would act as Planning Commission Secretary.

**Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2007**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Public Appearances**

Mr. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, came forward to speak in support of designating the Warner Theatre a historic resource. Mr. D'Eramo shared his experience in visiting the theatre during the 1950s and '60s citing that famous celebrities, e.g. John Wayne, James Dean, and Natalie Wood, made appearances for their movie openings held at the theatre. Mr. D'Eramo added that he currently serves on the Arts and Culture Commission and stated that on behalf of the Commission they would assist in the City's efforts in preserving the theatre, both architecturally and for its intended use as an entertainment venue.

The Commissioners recommended to Mr. D'Eramo that he address the City Council conveying the Arts and Culture Commission, as well as the Chamber of Commerce support of the Warner Theatre historic resource designation.

Staff invited Mr. D'Eramo to a Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting at the Warner Theatre on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Director of Community Development Gray stated that a public hearing before the City Council to consider the Commission's recommendation is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2007.

A discussion of the designation of the Warner Theatre followed. Items discussed were the theatre's current valuation, the property owner's intention to pursue establishing retail uses at the building, and the City's goal to physically restore the theatre and keep its original use. Mr. Gray stated that the City's most important concern was to preserve the architectural significance and integrity of the building, while the property owner's main concern was use restrictions placed by the proposed historic resource designation.

Commissioner Shidler suggested that the Commissioners and staff inquire about touring the City of Los Angeles Warner Grand Theatre located in San Pedro. Mr. Gray stated that staff would look into possibly scheduling an informal meeting to visit the theatre.

Director Gray added that staff would provide an update on the Ad Hoc Committee,, comprised of members of the Planning, Arts and Culture, and Historic Preservation Commissions at the next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

### **Public Hearings**

None.

### **New Business**

A. Discussion of Nomination for Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Recognition: Nomination Form.

Senior Planner Garcia briefly reviewed the Certificate of Recognition Nomination Form and encouraged the Commissioners to submit their nominations based on the properties' merits for recognition by the Commission, and subsequently by the City Council during the month of May to coincide with Historic Preservation Month.

Commissioner Shidler submitted his nomination for the Huntington Park High School Auditorium and indicated that the lighting fixtures and seating have been restored to their original state (dated 1937). Commissioner Luna submitted her nomination form nominating the property located at 2743 57<sup>th</sup> Street, a Queen Anne Style residential dwelling. Chairman Milofsky stated that he would submit his nomination in the near future, focusing on a commercial building and/or the Civic Center complex.

### **Subjects Presented by the Historic Preservation Commission**

A. Discussion of City Hall Designation

Mr. Gray stated that staff would commence the research on the potential historic resource designation of the City Hall building.

B. Commissioners' attendance at other City Commission Meetings (Milofsky)

Mr. Gray stated that staff would provide other cities' meeting schedules for their respective historic preservation commissions and made himself available to accompany any of the Commissioners who would be interested in attending a City of Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

**Information Items**

A. Warner Theatre Tour

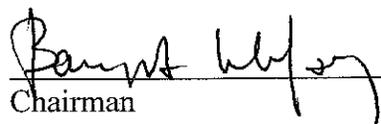
Mr. Gray announced the Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. to conduct a tour of the Warner Theatre for the purpose of documenting the theatre's features which are still intact and necessary to be included as part of the preservation requirements. Mr. Gray stated that members of the Los Angeles Conservancy would be in attendance as well as representatives of the property owner.

Mr. Gray informed the Commissioners that Planning Manager Bautista and Senior Planner Garcia had prepared and submitted an award application to the Los Angeles Conservancy and was happy to report that the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance had been selected as one of the recipients of the Conservancy's 2007 Preservation Awards. Mr. Gray invited the Commissioners to attend the awards presentation program to be held on May 10, 2007.

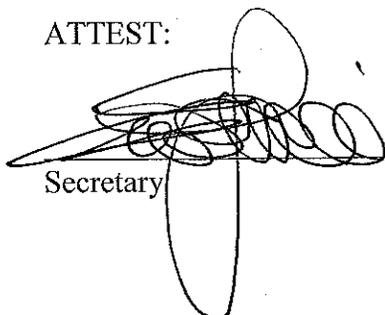
Chairman Milofsky congratulated staff on a job well done.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at the Warner Theatre located at 6710 Pacific Boulevard.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Secretary