

***Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2009***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on July 21, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Carolina Luna, Michelle Sanchez, Wally Shidler, and Chairman Milofsky. Absent: Commissioner Avygail Sanchez. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Historic Preservation Intern Carli Chauvin and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2009

Motion by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

Mr. Brian Kaiser (8175 Victoria Avenue, South Gate, CA) addressed the Commission and stated that the Commission should place emphasis on identifying and salvaging antique ceramic tile found in many homes within the Southeast area.

New Business

A. Discussion and/or action regarding the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Summer 2009 Places That Matter" photo contest.

Mr. Garcia provided information on the photo contest, which runs through September 15, 2009. Mr. Garcia stated that participants may submit as many photos as they wish and that digital cameras would be awarded to three winners to be selected through a public online vote.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Chairman Milofsky requested that at the Commission meeting of August 18, 2009, staff present for Commission review a draft news article on historic preservation for publication in the forthcoming Commission newsletter. Suggested topics include new monuments and "then and now" photographs of designated historically significant properties.

Commissioner Avygail Sanchez arrived to the meeting and took her seat at 6:17 p.m.

Information Items

A. Status of the Mills Act: Chairman Milofsky directed staff to present drafts of the City application and agreement for the Mills Act Program at the Commission meeting of August 18, 2009.

B. Status of the Public Awareness Campaign: Planning Manager Garcia stated that staff is in the process of posting information on the historic preservation program on the City's web site; developing an informational pamphlet; and preparing a news article for the upcoming City's quarterly newsletter. The Commissioners stressed the importance of getting local community groups involved in the campaign, and requested a presentation of recommended strategies for a successful public awareness campaign.

C. Status of Certified Local Government (CLG): Mr. Garcia stated that the State Office of Historic Preservation requires that each Commissioner's resume be included in the certification application package and requested that the Commissioners submit their resumes to staff to complete the documentation for submittal to the State. Mr. Garcia added that Commission certification would provide grant and funding opportunities to the City in its historic preservation goals.

D. Status of City's Street Survey: Mr. Garcia stated that the survey was close to completion and that staff would present the survey to the Commission at the meeting of August 18, 2009. Chairman Milofsky stated that it was important to flag the correlations between historically intact structures and mature trees on the survey.

E. Status of the Commercial Façade Improvement at 6707-6709 Pacific Boulevard: Mr. Garcia stated that it was uncertain at this time if the property owner would proceed with the project; however, staff would keep the Commission informed of any updates.

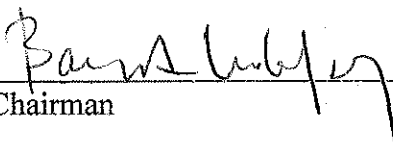
F. Status of the Commercial Façade Improvement at 7120-7124 Pacific Boulevard: Mr. Garcia stated that staff was awaiting a status update from the property owner.

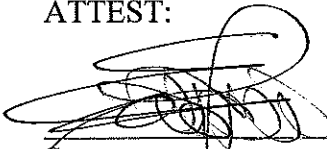
Chairman Milofsky directed staff to take before-and-after photographs of the properties if the improvement projects move forward.

Planning Manager Garcia stated that staff would be coordinating with Captain Michael Gwaltney (Ret.) a tour of the International Police Museum for a future Commission meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. to the regular meeting of August 18, 2009.


Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary