Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Carolina Luna, Wally Shidler, Vice Chair Michelle Sanchez and Chairman Milofsky. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Planning Intern Carli Chauvin and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2009

Motion by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2009, as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Public Hearings

A. Case No. 08-01 HRD A resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of 6606 Seville Avenue (APN: 6322-014-900) as a Historic Resource for placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Planning Intern Carli Chauvin provided a power point presentation which described the property's historic elements and the criteria for designating a historic resource. Ms. Chauvin stated that it is the recommendation of the Planning Division staff that the Commission conduct a Public Hearing, consider all public testimony, and adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council that the property located at 6606 Seville Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255 be designated a Historic Resource and placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor of/or against HPC Case No. 08-01 HRD. After a discussion and with no one coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 08-01 HRD, Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez, to APPROVE AND ADOPT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 08-01 HRD, recommending to the City Council the placement of the property located at 6606 Seville Avenue, Huntington Park, California 90255, be designated a Historic Resource and placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Shidler, Luna, Vice Chair Sanchez and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None.

New Business

A. Street Tree Survey.

Planning Intern Chauvin presented a power point presentation on her findings of identifying a correlation of mature street trees with historic and/or potentially historic resources. Ms. Chauvin also displayed a map that reflected not only historical buildings, but also the many areas of mature street trees throughout the City. The findings concluded that about 50% show a direct correlation

between historic houses and mature trees. Additionally, overall, groups of trees in potential historic districts show a more crucial impact on the City's historical and aesthetic character. The Commission recommended that any street tree removal request for trees that are located within the noticeable tree clusters in the Potential Districts as shown on the Historic Sites Map attached to the Street Tree Survey Report dated October 20, 2009, be presented to the Commission for review. Additionally, the Commission requested that a citywide street tree removal policy be drafted for street tree removal requests that are not presented to the Commission. Staff is to report back to the Commission with a policy.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Luna stated that she walked around the neighborhood and spoke to a few homeowners about preserving their home and she informed them about the HPC as well as the Mills Act.

Chairman Milofsky stated that he was aware of someone who had applied for the Planning Commission but was not selected and is now considering applying for the vacancy position with the HPC. Chairman Milofsky also received a phone call that St. Matthias has painted their building white. Mr. Garcia stated that there is a color ordinance and white is acceptable with the City color ordinance. Chairman Milofsky also requested staff to investigate the feasibility of changing the Historic Resource ordinance to include the designation of interiors to non-public structures as part of the in the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Chairman Milofsky asked staff to provide a pending items heading to the Historic Preservation Commission Agenda for the listing of items the Commission asked staff to research and report back.

Commissioner Shidler directed staff to acquire a map that reveals when the annexation took place between the city of Huntington Park and the city of Walnut Park.

Information Items

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. to the regular meeting of December 15, 2009.

ATTEST:

Secretary