

***Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2007***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on August 21, 2007.

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

Minutes of the meetings held on July 3, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Vice Chair Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 3, 2007 as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 07-03 HRD: Consideration of a resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of the Huntington Park Civic Center, located at 6538-6550 Miles Avenue, as a historic resource and that it be placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Senior Planner Eric Garcia presented and thoroughly reviewed staff's Designation Report for Case No. 07-03 HRD, which included the Criteria for Designation of Historic Resources, Administrative Comments and Analysis. Mr. Garcia stated that based on staff's findings, staff recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of the Civic Center structures (i.e., Police Department, City Hall and Court buildings), including the Park and landscaping, and the Civic Center Park monuments/statues, as a historic resource and that it be placed on the Huntington Park Resource Register.

Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor of or against Case No. 07-03 HRD. Mr. Jesus Moran (6722 Passaic St., Huntington Park, CA), came forward and requested clarification of the proposed resolution. Chairman Milofsky explained to Mr. Moran the City's goal of preserving historic resources in the City, and added that the proposed historic resource designation would categorize the Civic Center complex as a City landmark.

After a discussion, Chairman Milofsky recommended that staff meet with the Los Angeles Conservancy and obtain their input on additional details of the Civic Center's architectural history, original master plan, and the relationship between the open space and civic buildings, to incorporate in the designation report. Chairman Milofsky further recommended that the public hearing for Case No. 07-03 be continued to the Commission meeting of September 4, 2007.

With no one else coming forward to speak for or against Case No. 07-03 HRD, and hearing no opposition from the Commission, Chairman Milofsky so ordered to continue the public hearing to the meeting of September 4, 2007.

New Business

None.

Information Items

A. Chairman Milofsky requested that staff prepare for the Commission's review a "scope of job" and recruitment plan for the proposed City's historic preservation consultant.

B. Chairman Milofsky reported to the Commissioners that at the City Council meeting of August 20, 2007, the City Council rescinded the motion to refer the proposed City Hall Remodel back to the design team, and took final action to proceed with the renovations to City Hall as originally proposed. The original proposal included replacement of the City Clerk's Office storefront and Community Development Department existing counter with a new stand-up counter; upgrade of the City Council Chambers' audio/visual equipment, seating reupholstering, new floor coverings (carpet and tile); and installation of tile in the second floor lobby and hallways).

C. Commissioner Shidler expressed his interest in nominating the residential structure located at the corner of Zoe Avenue and Malabar Street, originally owned by "Dr. Garlo," as a historic resource.

D. Chairman Milofsky requested that the designation of historic districts within the City be placed for discussion on the agenda for the Commission meeting of September 4, 2007. Commissioner Sanchez requested that an item to consider Marconi Street as a historic district be placed on the agenda.

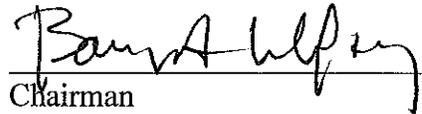
E. Chairman Milofsky reported on the anticipated resignation of Commissioner Jovel, and requested that the Commissioners inform staff if they know someone who would be interested in serving on the Commission.

F. Commissioner Shidler reported on 1) the anticipated release of the "Centennial Book" at the end of the year, and 2) broadcasts of City information pieces on radio station KPCC-FM (89.3). Commissioner Shidler informed the Commissioners and staff of the "Los Angeles Archives Bazaar" to be held at The Huntington (Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA) on September 29, 2007.

G. Chairman Milofsky recommended that 1) Commissioners attend other cities' historic preservation commission meetings and report to staff; and 2) a historic preservation article be included in the Fall publication of the City's newsletter to encourage the involvement of residents in the historic preservation process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m..


Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary