

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2007*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on September 4, 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: None. Also present: Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meeting held on August 21, 2007

It was so ordered by Chairman Milofsky that the approval of the minutes for the meeting held on August 21, 2007 be continued to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued 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 stated that at the recommendation of Chairman Milofsky, the public hearing for Case No. 07-03 HRD had been continued from the meeting of August 21, 2007 in order for staff to incorporate in the Designation Report additional information on the Civic Center's architectural history, original master plan, and the relationship between the open space and civic buildings. Mr. Garcia further stated that based on the evidence summarized in the Designation Report, staff recommended that the Commission adopt the proposed 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.

Chairman Milofsky called for those wishing to speak in favor of or against Case No. 07-03 HRD. Hearing no one, the public hearing was declared closed.

A discussion was held. Commissioner Shidler requested that the Designation Report be revised to reflect the modifications made to the Police Department building, and the original library and health department sites. Planning Manager Bautista stated that the Designation Report to City Council would reflect any necessary amendments pertaining to the Police Department's building modifications completed to date as well as the library and health department original locations.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 07-03 HRD, recommending to the City Council the designation of the Huntington Park Civic Center as a historic resource and its placement on the City's Historic Register, as amended. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Sanchez, Luna, Shidler, and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None.

New Business

Discussion of procedure for designating historic districts within the City.

Senior Planner Garcia explained that the Municipal Code requirements pertaining to the nomination of historic districts, and stated that the designation must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission through a zoning map amendment (establishing overlay zones). The nominated historic district shall subsequently be presented to the City Council for final consideration.

A discussion was held. Chairman Milofsky emphasized the importance of informing and educating the community on the historic preservation process prior to making formal recommendations to the City Council to designate historic districts. Planning Manager Bautista stated that staff would begin researching the procedure to establish the City's guidelines for historic district designations.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Luna requested information on the Mills Act. After a brief discussion, Planning Manager Bautista stated that staff would provide to the Commissioners informational material on the Mills Act for their review.

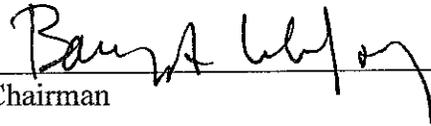
Information Items

A. Vice Chair Luna reported on the City Commissions Ad Hoc Committee meeting of August 28, 2007 and stated that the Commissioners expressed their interest for 1) continued communication and exchange of information among the Planning, Arts and Culture, and Historic Preservation Commissioners; and 2) the establishment of a foundation for the financial support of the Warner Theatre and maintaining its use as a theatre. Vice Chair Luna added that the Ad Hoc Committee members agreed to meet on an as-needed basis.

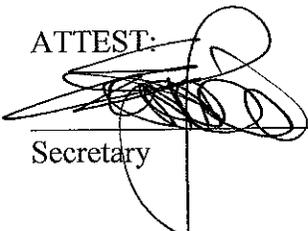
B. Commissioner Sanchez stated that she would create and present to the Commission a draft historic preservation newsletter at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m..



Chairman

ATTEST:


Secretary