

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2008*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on January 8, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Wally G. Shidler, Michelle Sanchez, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Barry Milofsky. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry L. Gray, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Public Appearances

Present to address the Commissioners was Elba Guerrero, Mayor for the City of Huntington Park.

New Business

A. Discussion and/or action: Responses to the Request for Proposals for Historic Consultant Services.

Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista reviewed staff's report, which presented 2 options for the Commissioners consideration. Mr. Bautista presented option 1) Planning Division staff to review the RFP's, interview the top consulting companies/firms, and make a recommendation to the Historic Preservation Commission; or 2) establish a subcommittee composed of two Historic Preservation Commissioners along with Planning Division staff, to review the RFP's, interview the top consulting companies/firms, and make a recommendation to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Commissioner Milofsky stated the he would like a member of the City Council to be included on the subcommittee.

Present to address the Commissioners was Mayor Elba Guerrero. Mayor Guerrero stated that she would like to participate in the process of selecting a consultant for the Historic Preservation Commission. It was decided by all the Commissioners to nominate Commissioners Milofsky and Sanchez, Mayor Guerrero, as well as Planning Staff, to be included in the subcommittee to select a consultant for the Historic Preservation Commission. Chairman Milofsky requested for the subcommittee to meet on Monday, January 14, to review and select 3 consultants to interview and possibly select as a consultant for the Historic Preservation Commission

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve Option 2 as a method for selecting a Historic Preservation Consultant; to appoint a subcommittee composed of Mayor Elba Guerrero, Historic Preservation Commissioners Milofsky and Sanchez, as well as Planning Division staff, to review the RFP's top consulting companies/firms, and make a recommendation to the Historic Preservation Commission.

B. Discussion and/or action: Historic Resources within the South Region Elementary School No. 5 site.

Senior Planner Eric Garcia reviewed the Historical Resources section of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding the proposed South Region Elementary School No. 5.

Commissioner Milofsky stated that it would be important to comment to the LAUSD's Cultural Resources Section of the Draft EIR regarding the South Region Elementary School No. 5. Commissioner Milofsky added that LAUSD should research and document the "Minimal Traditional" architectural style as an important style during the years of the city's development as well as the importance in establishing the character of the City in a major period of its Post War growth.

Commissioner Sanchez stated that most of the homes indicated in the report have been largely altered, and to request homeowners to change it back to its original state would not be worthwhile.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Luna, seconded by Commissioner Shidler, to recommend to the City Council that a letter be sent from the City Council reflecting comments from the Commission that LAUSD document the style and context of the community that is reflected in the EIR. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Milofsky requested staff to prepare a report to LAUSD to explore releasing possession of the "old school house" located at Huntington Park High School.

Subjects presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Luna presented an application to nominate the Huntington Park Post Office located at 6606 Seville Avenue as a Historic Resource.

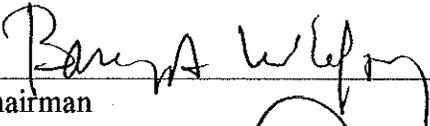
Commissioner Sanchez presented an application to nominate 6727 Santa Fe Avenue as a Historic Resource.

Chairman Milofsky suggested hosting a fundraiser in the spring or summer to raise funds for an outreach program to inform residents about the goals and objectives of the Historical Preservation Commission. Commissioner Luna volunteered to oversee and discuss with Councilmember John Noguez on ways of conducting a fundraiser.

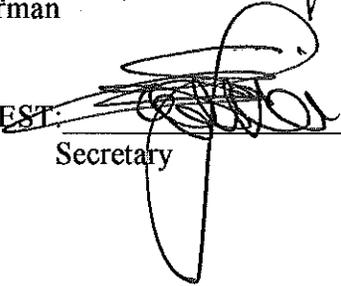
Chairman Milofsky requested to change the regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission from Tuesday, February 5 to Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Chairman

ATTEST: 

Secretary