

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2008*

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on November 18, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Barry Milofsky. Present: Commissioners Michelle Sanchez, Wally Shidler, Avygail Sanchez, Vice Chair Carolina Luna and Chairman Milofsky. Also present: Planning Manager Eric Garcia, Parks Maintenance Supervisor/Arborist Andy Ramirez, Planner Intern Daniel Ross and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

Minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

Planning Manager Eric Garcia introduced Daniel Ross, the new Planning Intern who will be assisting him with the activities of the Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Garcia added that Daniel's hours will be Tuesday and Wednesday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

New Business

- A. Discussion and/or action on the removal of street trees at 6731 Hood Avenue.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia stated that this item is continued from the previous meeting, to allow a discussion with the City Arborist, Andy Ramirez. Mr. Ramirez was present to discuss possible alternatives to the removal of the trees, as well as to inform the Commission of the original plantings in the general area. Mr. Ramirez distributed information regarding his experience in municipal tree maintenance as well as his duties with the contractor assigned to maintaining the trees within the City. Mr. Ramirez stated that the owner of the property informed the Field Services Department regarding the displacement of the sidewalk due to the tree roots as well as the staining of the sidewalk due to the fallen olives. At that time, Mr. Ramirez informed the owner that he would need some time to investigate the situation. Mr. Ramirez stated that after a year, he noticed much fruit on the sidewalk and that the sidewalk was raised. Mr. Ramirez added that street trees should not bear any fruit.

Chairman Milofsky was concerned about maintaining the historic character of the trees and suggested root pruning the trees. Commissioner Shidler stated that the sidewalk does not appear damaged and that it should be the responsibility of the owner to sweep the leaves off from the sidewalk.

Mr. Garcia inquired of Mr. Ramirez of the liability to the City should someone slip and fall due to fallen fruit. Mr. Ramirez stated that once there is documentation of a complaint and it is not addressed, the City can be held liable for any potential damages.

A motion was made by Commissioner A. Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Shidler, to protect the public safety and preserve the mature olive trees in front of 6731 Hood Avenue at the discretion of the City's Parks Maintenance Supervisor as to the method of protection and perseveration by either pruning the roots and/or providing an asphalt ramp on the displacement of the sidewalk. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Discussion and/or action on the street windshield survey.

Mr. Ramirez stated that there was an inventory of trees performed in 1990. Chairman Milofsky requested staff to prepare a windshield survey.

- C. Discussion and/or action on the Work Authorizations in progress by Sapphos, Inc.
- i. Certified Local Government Status;
 - ii. Historic Nominations;
 - iii. Potential Historic District; and
 - iv. Public Awareness Campaign.

Chairman Milofsky requested staff to prepare a nomination for a historic district focusing on the west side of the City. Staff informed the Commission that Sapphos Environmental Inc., the City's Historic Preservation Consultants, is in the process of finishing a potential district within the West area of the City and once complete, it would be scheduled for the Commissions consideration and recommendation to the City Council. Additionally, Chairman Milofsky requested staff to continue with the Certified Local Government process. Chairman Milofsky mentioned that one of the benefits of being a Certified Local Government is that there is potential of obtaining grants and receiving money from the State for preservation matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner A. Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Shidler, to move forward with the following Work Authorizations 1) Certified Local Government, 2) Historic nominations, 3) Potential Historic District and 4) Public Awareness Campaign.

D. Discussion and/or action on the updated Historic preservation newsletter.

Mr. Garcia requested input from the Commissioners in regards to the draft newsletter that was presented. The Commissioners decided to issue the newsletter on a quarterly basis. Commissioner Shidler inquired as to how the newsletter will be circulated. Mr. Garcia responded that it would be distributed through the Community Development office and that he would check with Alan Shear, Assistant City Manager to distribute along with "Vista" the City newsletter. Commissioner A. Sanchez requested that new historic sources be included in the newsletter.

E. Discussion and or/action on Historic Resource Designation Plaques.

Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that he has acquired three (3) estimates for the plaques. Chairman Milofsky suggested that Mr. Garcia inquire with the Police Department to see what company prepares their plaques. Chairman Milofsky requested to continue this item to the next meeting.

F. Discussion and /or action on Historic Designation Photograph Display.

The Commission suggested 8 x 10 photos and to move the pictures of the floats to the east wall and to have the landmark pictures on the west wall. Item was continued.

G. Update on the repairs to the Huntington Park entry signs.

Chairman Milofsky requested this item be received and filed.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Sanchez distributed copies of a home that is of historic nature which reveals changes to the home without permits.

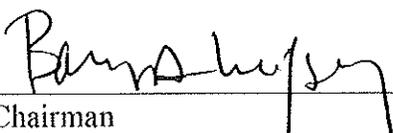
Commissioner Shidler recommended that staff place on the next Agenda a discussion concerning the Post Office on Seville Avenue.

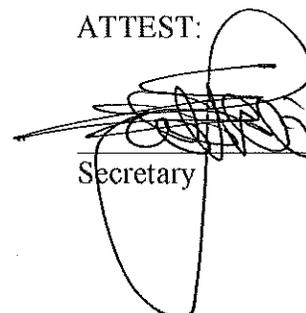
Information Items

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to the regular meeting of December 16, 2008.


Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary