

*Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2010*

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, Assistant Planner Mercenia Lugo, Development Project Coordinator Juan Arauz, Planning Intern Carli Chauvin and Recording Secretary Corinna Luevano.

***Reorganization of the Commission:***

Chairman Milofsky vacated his position as Chairman.

Vice Chair Sanchez called for nominations for Chairman.

Commissioner Luna nominated Commissioner Milofsky for Chair. The motion died for lack of a second. Planning Manager Garcia explained to the Commission that as per the City's Commissioner Handbook, a Chair may only serve two consecutive terms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Milofsky, seconded by Shidler, to nominate Commissioner Sanchez as Chairman. Commissioner Sanchez declined the nomination.

A motion was made by Sanchez, seconded by Milofsky, to nominate Commissioner Shidler as Chairman. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Luna, Shidler, Sanchez and Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Vice Chair Sanchez vacated her position as Vice Chair.

Chairman Shidler called for nominations for Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Milofsky, seconded by Sanchez, to nominate Commissioner Luna as Vice Chair. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Luna, Shidler, Sanchez and Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None.

***Minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2010:***

Motion by Commissioner Milofsky, seconded by Vice Chair Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

***Public Appearances***

Rudy Griego, property owner of 6414 Rugby Avenue since 1970, informed the Commission that he intends to submit his application to designate his building as a Historic Resource, which was the location of the original post office in the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Griego added that he plans to provide a cultural center for the community.

**New Business**

***A. Reconsideration of the Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on February 3, 2009.***

Mr. Giulio Zavolta was present to address the Commission regarding a statement that was made on the minutes of February 3, 2009 as well as to update the Commission on his project as requested by the Commission at the meeting held on February 16, 2010.

Mr. Zavolta stated that back in February 3, 2009 he presented to the Commission an affordable housing project at 6614-6700 Middleton Street, for the Oldtimers Foundation. Mr. Zavolta stated that the six existing units would be preserved in the existing Spanish style. However, the proposed new structure at the rear will be of contemporary style, not Spanish style. Mr. Zavolta requested that the minutes reflect to state that the new building will not be in Spanish style. Also, Mr. Zavolta is the Managing Design Principal for the project, not the Project Architect as stated in the minutes of February 3, 2009. Mr. Zavolta stated that the construction is not as yet in progress due to unresolved issues. Mr. Zavolta concluded his presentation, requesting questions and/or comments from the Commission.

A motion was made by Chairman Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to amend the minutes of February 3, 2009, to correct Mr. Zavolta's title to Managing Design Principal as well as state that the 6 existing units will be preserved in Spanish style, and the proposed new structure at the rear will be of a contemporary style. The motion carried as follows; Ayes: Commissioners Sanchez, Milofsky, Vice Chair Luna and Chairman Shidler; Noes: None; Absent: None.

***B. Discussion and/or action on the proposed Commercial Rehabilitation project at 6704 Pacific Boulevard.***

Mr. Garcia stated that the architect submitted a response from the Commission's request to conceal the housing into the body of the canopy. Juan Arauz informed the Commission that the architect is not recommending to conceal the housing as it would make it cost prohibitive. In addition, the concealment would make the width of the canopy two feet wider, and this would make the canopy heavier, thus placing a structural burden on the existing framing of the building. Also, adding more tension rods to hold the canopy in place would also affect the appeal of the renovation. Lastly, maintenance would be more difficult if the housing is concealed; it would make it less accessible for service and repair. Mr. Arauz added that the concealment would add an additional cost of \$12,000.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to not have the housing concealed within the canopy and that no signs or banners be placed on the concealment. The motion was unanimously approved.

***C. Discussion and/or action on the proposed Commercial Rehabilitation project at 6722-6728 Pacific Boulevard.***

Ms. Lugo stated that this project was originally presented at the meeting held February 16, 2010 and the Commission requested that staff work with the Architect on exposing the existing windows of the façade improvements, and not conceal them behind the proposed signage panels. The revised plans incorporated the Commission's recommendations.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Milofsky, seconded by Luna, to approve the project as proposed. The motion was unanimously approved.

***D. Discussion and recommendation on the Community Development Commission (CDC) report of the City's Historic Preservation review policies:***

Mr. Garcia stated that the CDC requested staff to review the City's rehabilitation permit process for structures that are 50 years and older. The CDC also requested that the HPC review the policy and provide input as well as any changes to the policy.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Milofsky, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez recommending to the CDC that the HPC work with staff on developing design guidelines for specific areas as well as a fee structure for review of historic properties and that resources be made available for staff to develop the guidelines. The motion was unanimously approved.

***E. Discussion and/or action of the Draft National Register nomination of 6606 Seville Avenue (Post Office):***

Mr. Garcia presented the draft of the National Register Nomination of 6606 Seville Avenue, the United States Post Office, and asked for comments from the Commission. Ms. Chauvin stated that upon approval from the HPC, the registration form would be sent to the State for review and to submit further information from the HPC if required. If the building is deemed significant, the State then submits to the National Registry.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Milofsky, to approve the draft National Register nomination for the Huntington Park Post Office at 6606 Seville Avenue. The motion was unanimously approved.

***F. Discussion and/or action of the Draft Historic Preservation Spring 2010 Newsletter:***

Mr. Garcia informed the Commission that the newsletter is still in draft form and is yet to be translated in Spanish. Mr. Garcia is seeking comments from the Commission.

Commissioner Milofsky recommended a column for Commissioners Sanchez and Luna for their diligence to walking the neighborhoods and informing the residents about the HPC as well as searching for homes to nominate for the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Milofsky, to include a profile of each Commissioner in the newsletter. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners**

Commissioner Milofsky requested from the Director of Community Development, Henry Gray, to include the Chairman of the HPC, in the discussions regarding the budget for the HPC.

**Information Items**

A. Commercial Rehab project at 6615-6617 Pacific Boulevard.

Mr. Garcia stated that the developer has incorporated recommendations from the Commission and is thus moving forward with the project.

B. Commercial Rehab project at 6621-6625 Pacific Boulevard.

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C. Certificates of Recognition for National Historic Preservation Month

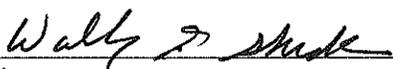
Mr. Garcia reminded the Commission to submit their nominations for National Historic Preservation Month.

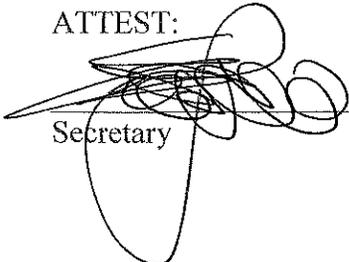
D. Draft Certified Local Government (CLG) Application.

Mr. Garcia stated that the application has been submitted to the State for review.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Shidler adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. to the regular meeting of April 20, 2010.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Secretary