

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2011*

Chairman Wally Shidler called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Commissioners Barry Milofsky, Michelle Sanchez, and Chairman Shidler. Absent: Vice Chair Carolina Luna. Also present: Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Historic Preservation Intern Carli Chauvin, Development Project Coordinator Juan Arauz, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2010

Motion by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Milofsky, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2010, as presented. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

None.

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None.

New Business

A. Discussion of the currently proposed Commercial Rehabilitation Projects at various locations along Pacific Boulevard for FY 2010-2011.

Development Project Coordinator Juan Arauz stated that staff is considering seven (7) buildings to participate in the City's 2010-11 Commercial Rehabilitation Grant Program. The proposed building participants are located at 1) 2554 E. 57th Street and 5707 Pacific Boulevard; 2) 5527 Pacific Boulevard; 3) 6301-07 Pacific Boulevard; 4) 6912-16 Pacific Boulevard; 5) 7026-28 Pacific Boulevard; 6) 7110-14 Pacific Boulevard; and 7) 7119-29 Pacific Boulevard. Mr. Arauz stated that the proposed rehabilitation to the buildings would enhance the aesthetics of the buildings and include correction of any existing code violations.

Photographs of the buildings were viewed and a discussion ensued. Senior Planner Albert Fontanez stated that the proposed rehabilitation work on the buildings would be reversible and would not compromise the integrity of the buildings' architecture.

Chairman Shidler expressed concern that storefronts at 7026-28 Pacific might be closed. Mr. Shidler added that uniformity in awnings and consistency in signage should be a component of the rehabilitation work at 6912 Pacific.

Commissioner Milofsky stressed that commercial rehabilitation projects on Pacific Boulevard should be required to maintain windows and storefronts to improve visual aesthetics and to create a separation between public and private spaces. Commissioner Milofsky stated that he would be interested in requiring the removal of paint from the front of the buildings at 6912-16 and 7026-28 Pacific Boulevard to preserve their original architectural features.

Senior Planner Fontanez stated that the purpose of the commercial rehabilitation projects is to bring aesthetics and consistency to the buildings and that proposed projects are presented to the Historic Preservation Commission for a courtesy review and for staff to receive the Commission's input on the proposed rehabilitation work and modifications to the buildings.

Commissioner Milofsky motioned, and Chairman Shidler seconded, that staff present future proposed rehabilitation projects to the Historic Preservation Commission before a final selection of rehabilitated properties is made.

Commissioner Milofsky directed staff to begin the district designation process for Pacific Boulevard.

B. Discussion and/or action on the list of potential historic resource nominations.

Historic Preservation Commission Intern Carli Chauvin stated that staff is considering the nomination of three properties on one parcel located at 6125 Rugby Avenue, and that nomination of an additional parcel would depend on funding availability. Ms. Chauvin stated that staff would present nomination(s) to the Commission by June 2011.

Chairman Shidler directed staff to investigate if the Historic Preservation Commission budget would allow the nomination of the "Lane Wells" building at 5608 Soto Street as a historic resource. Commissioner Milofsky requested that staff provide to the Commission the cost of the nomination.

Planning Manager Eric Garcia arrived to the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Chairman Shidler inquired about the status of the current vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission. Planning Manager Garcia stated that the City has not received new applications; however, the City's recruitment for applicants is on going.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Shidler adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. to the regular meeting of February 15, 2011.

ATTEST:

Chairman

Secretary