

*Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2011*

Chairman Shidler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Commissioners Michelle Sanchez and Carolina Luna, Vice Chair Barry Milofsky, and Chairman Wally Shidler. Absent: None. Also present: Senior Planner Albert Fontanez, Planning Manager Eric Garcia, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2011

Motion by Vice Chair Milofsky, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2011 as presented. The motion carried.

Public Appearances

None.

Continued Public Hearings

- A. Case No. 11-04 HRD: A resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of 5610 Soto Street (APN: 6310-015-024) as a Historic Resource for Placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Planning Manager Garcia stated that staff was in receipt of correspondence from Mr. Arnold K. Graham, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hart, property owners, requesting that the Commission continue the public hearing to “a date in September 2011,” so that the property owners can attend the meeting. Mr. Garcia added that staff recommended that the Commission continue Case No. 11-04 HRD to the next scheduled Commission meeting in October, as dictated and conforming to the new meeting schedule recently adopted by the City Council.

Vice Chair Milofsky motioned, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, to continue the public hearing for Case No. 11-04 HRD to the meeting of October 18, 2011. The motion carried.

Public Hearings

- A. Case No. 11-06 HRD: A resolution recommending to the City Council the designation of 7019 Marbrisa Avenue (APN: 6321-030-010) as a Historic Resource for Placement on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Planning Manager Garcia reviewed staff’s Designation Report, which included the Executive Summary and State Department of Parks and Recreation Historic Resources Inventory Form. Mr. Garcia stated that historical information on the subject property found by staff was limited to the year of construction of the buildings (1923 and 1928) and the year the area was annexed to the City (1924).

Mr. Garcia stated that staff’s assessment of the subject property is that the subject buildings appear to be of the Spanish Colonial revival style; however, were possibly built in the Craftsman

style including shingle roof material and wood siding. Mr. Garcia added that other alterations include replacement of the original windows, removal of doors and covered entryway. Mr. Garcia stated that the buildings do not qualify for listing in the Huntington Park Historic Register due to loss of their original architectural integrity through the significant alterations made since their original construction. Mr. Garcia stated that the subject property did not meet the Building Criteria for historic resource designation and that staff recommended that the Commission deny the applicant's request to recommend to the City Council the designation of 7019 Marbrisa Avenue as a Historic Resource.

Chairman Shidler opened the public hearing and called for those wishing to speak in favor of/or against Case No. 11-06 HRD. Mr. Rafael Lainez, Jr. (7019 Marbrisa Ave., Huntington Park), representing the property owner, came forward to speak in favor of Case No. 11-06 HRD. Mr. Lainez offered to provide documentation as "proof" that the existing roof tiles on the buildings are original. Mr. Lainez stated that a 1st Californio Descendent meeting was held in February 2011 for the purpose to represent Los Angeles in the creation of a statewide organization to promote the State's history and culture of the Hispanic-American community. Mr. Lainez stated that the subject property is located within the historic Rancho San Antonio of Southern California and home of members of the Nieto family (whose patriarch was granted the Rancho San Antonio land from Spain). Mr. Lainez requested that the Commission grant the applicant some time to provide documentation supporting the property's historic designation.

With no one else coming forward to speak in favor of/or against Case No. 11-06 HRD, Chairman Shidler declared the public hearing closed.

After a discussion, the Commission concurred that based on staff's assessment, the alterations made on the buildings disqualify the property from being designated as a historic resource. Vice Chair Milofsky suggested that the property owner conduct additional research on the property's history which would support historic designation of the property and bring back the findings to the Commission for further consideration.

Vice Chair Milofsky motioned, seconded by Chairman Shidler, to continue the public hearing for Case No. 11-06 HRD to the regular meeting of October 18, 2011. The motion carried.

New Business

None.

Subjects Presented by Historic Preservation Commissioners

Commissioner Sanchez suggested that staff make a record of all churches in the City and make church owners aware that existing windows in the "lower levels" of the building are irreplaceable.

Vice Chair Milofsky requested that the pending draft of the tree removal policy be placed on the October Commission agenda for discussion.

Chair Shidler announced that The 6th-Annual Los Angeles Archives Bazaar will be held on October 22, 2011 at the Doheny Memorial Library, USC Campus.

Information Items

A. Preliminary City Budget.

Planning Manager Garcia reported that funding for Commission meeting stipends has been decreased pursuant to the reduced number of meetings established by the recently adopted City Commission meeting schedule.

Identification of Items in Progress

None.

Closed Session

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Shidler adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m. to October 18, 2011.

ATTEST:

Chairman

Secretary