

***Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2007***

Minutes of the Huntington Park Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on July 3, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Milofsky. Present: Vice Chair Carolina Luna, Commissioners Wally G. Shidler, and Yessica Jovel and Chairman Milofsky. Absent: Commissioner Michelle Sanchez. Also present: Director of Community Development Henry Gray, Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista, Senior Planner Eric Garcia, Building Official Wes Lind, City Attorney David Alvarez, and Recording Secretary Genny Ochoa.

Minutes of the meetings held on June 5 and June 13, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Vice Chair Luna, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2007 as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shidler, seconded by Commissioner Jovel, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 13, 2007 as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Appearances

None.

Public Hearings

A. CASE NO. 07-04 HRD: Consideration of a resolution recommending to the City Council that the Warner Theatre, located at 6710-20 Pacific Boulevard (APN: 6322-017-006), be designated a historic resource and placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register.

Senior Planner Eric Garcia summarized the theatre's designation process undertaken by staff. Mr. Garcia stated that the allotted time for City Council action on the theatre designation had elapsed due to several continuances of the public hearing by the City Council; therefore, at the advice of the City Attorney, the designation process had been restarted. Mr. Garcia reviewed the Designation Report for Case No. 07-04 HRD, which included staff's analysis of the theatre design/description and criteria for the theatre's designation. Mr. Garcia stated that based on the evidence presented, staff finds that the criteria required for the historic designation is met, and that staff recommended that the Historic Preservation Commission adopt the proposed resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of a Historic Resource Declaration of Designation for the Warner Theatre.

Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing open and called for those wishing to speak in favor of or against Case No. 07-04 HRD. Mr. Ed Casey (333 S. Hope St., 16th Flr., Los Angeles, CA), legal counsel for Robertson Properties Group (property owner), came forward and stated that the property owner's goal is that the City provide them with the flexibility needed to meet their

prospective tenants' market needs, specifically the types of allowable uses, including necessary renovations and/or tenant improvements to the subject building.

(Commissioner Michelle Sanchez arrived and took her seat at 6:45 p.m.)

After a discussion and with no one else wishing to speak in favor of or against Case No. 07-04 HRD, Chairman Milofsky declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Chairman Milofsky, seconded by Commissioner Luna, to APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-04-HRD, recommending to the City Council the adoption of a Historic Resource Declaration of Designation for the Warner Theatre, located at 6710-6720 Pacific Boulevard. The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Luna, Shidler, Jovel, and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None. Abstain: Commissioners Sanchez.

New Business

A. Historic Preservation Commission recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed City Clerk's Office and adjacent corridor remodel.

Planning Manager Bautista conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed staff's report, which included photographs of the existing City Clerk's Office and adjacent corridor. Mr. Bautista reviewed the layout of the proposed remodel and stated that among the proposed modifications is the removal of the City Clerk's Office storefront and Community Development Department existing counter, which would be replaced with a new stand-up counter. Mr. Bautista stated that the City Council approved the first and second floor remodel project in September 2006; however, after conducting a Civic Center tour, the Commissioners expressed concerns with how the proposed improvements would affect the Civic Center buildings' interior and exterior historical elements and features. Mr. Bautista requested that the Commission make a recommendation on the City Hall remodel/improvements for presentation to the City Council at the first meeting of August.

Building Official Wes Lind reported that the originally proposed remodel had been modified to include only the upgrade of the City Council Chambers' audio/visual equipment, seating reupholstering, installation of new carpet and tile, as well as tile installation in the second floor lobby and hallways.

A discussion ensued. Chairman Milofsky stated that the City's objective of preserving historical structures should start with the preservation of City Hall, given that it is the most important historical resource in the City. Chairman Milofsky recommended that the Commissioners ask the City Council to redesign the City Hall remodeling plans in such a way that the historical integrity and elements are not altered and are compliant with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

City Clerk Rosanna Ramirez came forward and stated that the existing layout of the City Clerk's Office is not conducive to the needs of the current office operation. Ms. Ramirez stated that the City Hall's original remodeling plan would appear incomplete if the City does not proceed with

the proposed improvements to the City Clerk's Office and adjacent corridor. Ms. Ramirez requested that the Commission move forward with the City Clerk's Office and adjacent corridor remodel as originally proposed and approved.

After the discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Jovel, to APPROVE the City Hall improvement recommendations to the City Council as follows:

City Council Chambers –

- 1) Installation of audio/visual equipment in the City Hall
- 2) Installation of new carpet and tile
- 3) Installation of new drapes
- 4) Reupholster audience seating

Second Floor –

- 1) Installation of tile in lobby and hallways
- 2) Installation of carpet in offices

First Floor –

1) Postponement of the currently proposed improvements and consider redesigning the improvements wherein the Secretary of the Interior's Standards are applied.

The motion carried as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Sanchez, Luna, Shidler, Jovel, and Chairman Milofsky; Noes: None; Absent: None.

New Business

Chairman Milofsky requested that the August 7, 2007 meeting be cancelled and that the August meeting be held on the alternate meeting date of Tuesday, August 21, 2007. The Commissioners and staff agreed to the request.

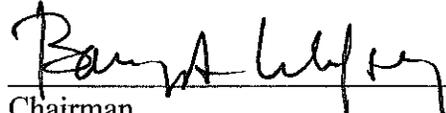
Information Notes

Commissioner Luna reported on building modifications recently made to a potentially historic residence within the City. Ms. Luna emphasized the importance of community awareness of historical resources in the City, and recommended that the Commission inform and educate the community in order to maintain and strengthen the City's objective in the preservation of its historical resources.

Chairman Milofsky requested that staff place on the next Commission agenda a discussion item on the possibility of hiring a consultant to perform historic preservation community outreach and education.

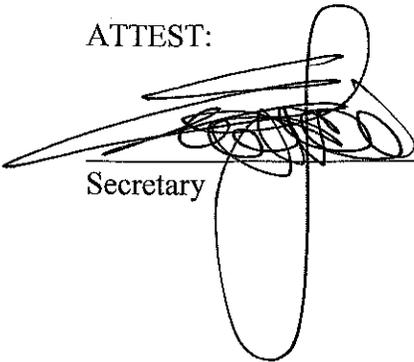
Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairman Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to August 21, 2007.



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary