



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MONROVIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018, 7:30 P.M.**

**CONVENE:** Chair Mark Houston convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission of Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. In attendance were Community Development Director Craig Jimenez, Planning Division Manager Sheri Bermejo, Senior Planner John Mayer, Associate Planner Teresa Santilena, Planning Technician Austin Arnold, Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie and Management Analyst Diane Delmatoff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Commissioners Carter, Hansen, Jimenez, Lee, Ryan, Zuk and Chair Houston.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Lee moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018, Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Jim Wigton reported that he is in the process of contacting the owners of homes built between 1884 and 1887 to see if they would like a plaque identifying their home as one of Monrovia's first houses.

Craig Jimenez introduced new Senior Planner John Mayer and Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie and congratulated Teresa Santilena on being promoted to Associate Planner.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**PH-1 Historic Landmark HL-145/Mills Act Contract MA-138, 1 Hidden Valley Road; Kari Helman and Dena O'Neil, Property Owners**

Teresa Santilena gave the staff report. There was discussion about the fence in the front yard and the address marker. Chair Houston opened the public hearing. The applicant Kari Helman said that the address marker was built by her father. She noted that all the windows are original.

Since the house is a slab on grade, a seismic upgrade would require making holes in the walls. Since this would be the first landmarked house with this type of foundation, the condition for seismic upgrade would be required only if deemed necessary by the Building Official. No one else spoke in favor or with concerns.

The Commission discussed the item. Commissioner Zuk requested that the address marker in front of the home be added to the DPR as a contributing feature to the property. Commissioner Ryan asked that staff create a photo record of the house, including the address marker.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve HL-145 and also recommended approval of a Mills Act Contract to the City Council with the following condition added:

“Within two (2) years of the date of City Council approval, the wood carved address marker shall be repaired and repainted.”

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Carter, Hansen, Houston, Jimenez, Lee, Ryan, Zuk  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**PH-2 Historic Landmark HL-146/Mills Act Contract MA-139, 310 East Lemon Avenue; Pedro Torres, Property Owner**

Austin Arnold gave the staff report. The Commissioners had questions about the proposed river rock façade around the building's foundation. Since the applicant would need to request a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of river rock, if landmark designation was approved, the Commission decided not to add a condition requiring the improvement.

Chair Houston opened the public hearing. The applicant, Pedro Torres, thanked staff for their assistance and acknowledged Jim Wigton and Jimi Hendrix as well. He said he did not know if the porch slab was original to the home. He thinks it may have been built in the 1940's.

Jim Wigton and Steve Baker both complimented Mr. Torres on the restoration. Mr. Baker further explained that this home is one of four that were built by John Wilde. Pam Barkus stated that although she worked on a house history, the owner conducted the majority of the research. No one else spoke in favor or with concerns.

The Commission discussed the item. Chair Houston closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Zuk moved to approve HL-146 and recommended approval of a Mills Act Contract to the City Council, seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried on the following vote:

AYES: Carter, Hansen, Houston, Jimenez, Lee, Ryan, Zuk  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**AR-1 Determination of Historic Significance; DHS2018-0006; 1607 South Magnolia Avenue, Alec Schiffer, Trammell Crow Residential, Applicant**

**AR-2 Determination of Historic Significance; DHS2018-0007; 340 West Evergreen Avenue, Alec Schiffer, Trammell Crow Residential, Applicant**

John Mayer gave both staff reports together since they are part of the same project. There were no questions of staff. Lisa Brownfield of MIG was present to represent the applicant. The Commission discussed the item.

AR-1 Commissioner Lee moved to approve the DPR Form with a status code of 6Z, seconded by Commissioner Carter. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

AR-2 Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the DPR Form with a status code of 6Z, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

**AR-3 Determination of Historic Significance DHS2018-0005; 347 Highland Place, Kenneth and Bonnie Behrmann, Property Owners**

Austin Arnold gave the staff report. Commissioner Lee asked for clarification of the request. The applicants are not proposing to demolish the house at this time; they are asking the Commission for a historic determination. No one spoke in favor or with concerns.

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the DPR Form with a status code of 6Z, seconded by Commissioner Hansen. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

### **Legacy Project Presentation**

Sandy Burud gave a presentation on the Legacy Project and provided tips on how to navigate the website. The City Library will be hosting coaching sessions one day a week in October.

Craig Jimenez reported that the City won a prestigious preservation award from the California Preservation Foundation for the Historic Depot Restoration. He thanked the sub-committee for their work on the project.

There will be a Study Session on the Historic Context Statement prior to the regular meeting on September 26, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:07 pm