



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONROVIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015, 7:30 P.M.**

CONVENE: Chair Marianne Lee convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission of Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. In attendance were Steve Sizemore, Community Development Director, Craig Jimenez, Planning Division Manager, Ili Lobaco, Associate Planner and Jose Barriga, Assistant Planner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Commissioners Bullis, Hendrix, Jimenez, Lee, Shea, and Zuk. Commissioner Baker was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Zuk moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2015, Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hendrix. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Commissioner Hendrix moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2015, Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Zuk. The motion passed on a voice vote with Commissioner Shea abstaining.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH-1 Historic Landmark/Mills Act Contract – HL-133/MA-125; 248 East Colorado Boulevard, Edie Ramirez, owner

Chair Lee had a conflict and recused herself. Ili Lobaco gave the report. The applicant thanked everyone and stated that preservation was very important to her. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. There was discussion about the hedge and chain link fence. The Commission added conditions that the chain link gate be changed to an architecturally appropriate wood gate within 4 years and that the chain link fence be removed if the hedge is removed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Zuk moved to recommend approval to the City Council of Historic Landmark HL-133 and Mills Act MA-125 with the conditions of approval as amended, seconded by Commissioner Hendrix. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Bullis, Hendrix, Jimenez, Shea, Zuk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Lee
ABSENT: Baker

Chair Lee returned to the meeting.

PH-2 Historic Landmark HL-134; 833 Wildrose Avenue, Diane Chino, owner

Craig Jimenez gave the report. The applicant gave a brief history of the house. Lee Schamadan spoke on behalf of the project. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. The Commission discussed the item. The Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Zuk moved to recommend approval to the City Council of Historic Landmark HL-134, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Bullis, Hendrix, Jimenez, Lee, Shea, Zuk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Baker

PH-3 Historic Landmark/Mills Act Contract – HL-135/MA-126; 114 East Lemon Avenue, 114 ELA LLC, owner

Ili Lobaco gave the report. The applicant was on hand to answer any questions. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. Commissioner Hendrix spoke about the restoration of the building. He said that the fireplace was used for demonstration for the Gas Company. The Commission determined that the Fireplace should be identified as a contributing feature. The Public Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Hendrix moved to recommend approval to the City Council of Historic Landmark HL-135 and Mills Act MA-126, seconded by Commissioner Bullis. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Bullis, Hendrix, Jimenez, Lee, Shea, Zuk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Baker

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

AR-1 Establish Subcommittee for a Building in the Historic Commercial Downtown Zone; 506 South Myrtle Avenue

Craig Jimenez gave the report and explained that the applicant was not anticipating any major changes to the façade, however based on past experiences with unexpected issues with façade changes on older storefronts, staff is recommending that a subcommittee be appointed if issues arise. The applicant was on hand to answer any questions. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. The Commission discussed the item.

Commissioner Shea moved to appoint Commissioner Hendrix and Commissioner Zuk to the 506 South Myrtle Avenue Subcommittee, seconded by Commissioner Bullis. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

AR-2 Special Review of Façade Modification to a Building in the Historic Commercial Downtown Zone; 417 South Myrtle Avenue, Marvin & Kiki Dieguez, applicants

Craig Jimenez introduced Assistant Planner Jose Barriga to the Commission.

Commissioner Hendrix had a conflict and recused himself.

Jose Barriga gave the report. The applicant spoke on behalf of the project, he stated that they would be happy to follow staff's recommendations. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. The Commission discussed the item.

Commissioner Shea moved to approve the façade remodel with the recommendations presented in the staff report and establish a subcommittee to review the final details, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Zuk moved to appoint Commissioner Hendrix and Commissioner Bullis to the 417 South Myrtle Avenue Subcommittee, seconded by Commissioner Shea. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Commissioner Hendrix returned to the meeting.

AR-3 Certificate of Appropriateness CA2015-03; 150 North Magnolia Avenue, James and Michelle Hinkley, applicants

Commissioner Hendrix had a conflict and left the room.

Ili Lobaco gave the report. The applicant was not in attendance. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. The Commission discussed the item.

Commissioner Zuk moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness CA2015-03 seconded by Commissioner Bullis. The motion carried on a voice vote.

AR-4 Certificate of Appropriateness CA2015-04; 205 North Encinitas Avenue, Helen and Peter Falco, applicants

Ili Lobaco gave the report. The applicant spoke on behalf of the project. No one spoke in favor or with concerns. The Commission discussed the item.

Commissioner Shea moved to approve Certificate of Appropriateness CA2015-04, seconded by Commissioner Jimenez. The motion carried on a voice vote.

AR-5 Mills Act Compliance Update and Discussion

Craig Jimenez gave an update on the status of the Mills Act Contract for the property at 145 West Hillcrest Boulevard. The owners have completed the required work and are now in compliance.

The Commission discussed the item and concurred to maintain the current policy, which maintains that non-compliant contracts will be reviewed at the beginning of each calendar year and would not be brought to the Commission for review until they are out of compliance for at least one year.

AR-6 Establishment of Meeting Dates; Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 2015-01

Ili Lobaco gave the report. Staff is proposing to go to bi-monthly meetings for the remainder of 2015.

Commissioner Shea moved to Adopt Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 2015-01, seconded by Commissioner Zuk. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Planning Division Manager's Report:

Craig Jimenez gave an update on the Aztec Hotel Subcommittee. There is a need for another member to replace Ex-Commissioner Gonzalez-Camarillo. Commissioner Jimenez volunteered to be on the Subcommittee.

Mr. Jimenez also gave an overview on the on-going Neighborhood Study. There have been several meetings with different stakeholders and there seems to be two main issues – Preservation (what is coming down) and Neighborhood Compatibility (what is going up). There will be one more community meeting and then the next step will be to process all the information gathered.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:14 p.m.