



In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely by viewing on the KGEM channel through their local cable provider or online at www.foothillsmedia.org.

Members of the public were encouraged to participate in the meeting by emailing public comments to planning@ci.monrovia.ca.us before or during the meeting. Comments received prior to 6:00 p.m. were posted on the City's website and distributed to the Commission. Comments received after 6:00 p.m. were read by the planning staff during the public hearing. Any lengthy public comments were summarized in the interest of time. All parties that provided public comment on any items were notified of the decision and the appeal process.

CONVENE: Chair Jimenez convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California. In attendance were Community Development Director Craig Jimenez, Planning Division Manager Sheri Bermejo, Senior Planner John Mayer, and Planning Technician Vincent Gillespie.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Commissioners Mark Houston, Marianne Lee, Eddie Ramirez, Danial Ryan, Penny Zuk, Vice-Chair Vicky Hansen, and Chair Sergio Jimenez. All members participated via video conference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Zuk, seconded by Vice-Chair Hansen to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 Special meeting. The motion carried 6-0 vote. Commissioner Ryan abstained.

It was moved by Commissioner Zuk, seconded by Vice-Chair Hansen to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Special meeting with a correction recommended by staff that specifies the type of door the Commission approved for Item AR-1 (Special Review SR2020-0001 for 418 South Myrtle Avenue). The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**PH-1 Historic Landmark HL2021-0001 and Mills Act Contract; HL-158/MA-149
141 North Magnolia Avenue; Brian Dorsey and Heather Higgins**

Senior Planner John Mayer presented the staff report and answered questions of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the need for a seismic retrofit and the feasibility of reconstructing the porte-cochere.

Chair Jimenez opened the public hearing.

Public Input:

1. Brian Dorsey and Heather Higgins, applicants, spoke in favor of the designation and answered questions of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the basement, the rear sliding glass door, and removal of the original porte-cochere.

Chair Jimenez closed the public hearing.

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed various aspects of the application and asked additional questions of staff.

Following Discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to recommend that the City Council approve HL2021-0001 (HL-158) and MA-149 with the addition of a Condition Number 6 to the standards and conditions to read as follows:

“Seismic Retrofit. Documentation by either a building permit or building inspector’s report must be submitted verifying completion of a seismic retrofit. If the house has not been seismically retrofitted, and if it is determined by the City of Monrovia Building Official that retrofitting is needed, it shall be retrofitted within ten (10) years of the date of the City Council approval. Seismic retrofit shall be at minimum the bolting of the house to an approved foundation.”

The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Farmers Club Fountain Discussion

Community Development Director Craig Jimenez presented the staff report and answered questions of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Chair Jimenez asked for public input.

Public Input:

1. Steve Baker, City Treasurer, spoke in favor of landmark designation and provided a brief history of the Farmers Club and the watering fountain.

Chair Jimenez closed the public input portion.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Zuk, seconded by Commissioner Houston, to recommend that the City Council authorize the preparation of an application for historic landmark designation for the Farmers Club Fountain in Library Park. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT: Planning Division Manager Sheri Bermejo provided an overview of the Housing Element Update. Community Development Director Craig Jimenez provided City updates regarding changes in Community Development staffing.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Sergio Jimenez, Chair
Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission

Craig Jimenez, AICP, Secretary
Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission