



CONVENE: Chair Lee convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California. In attendance were Deputy Director of Community Development Sheri Bermejo and Administrative Assistant April Kea.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Ly led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Commissioners Michael Falcone, Vicky Hansen, Jenny Ly, Brian Yamaguchi, Penny Zuk, Vice-Chair Mark Houston, and Chair Marianne Lee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved by Commissioner Zuk, seconded by Commissioner Hansen, to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**PH-1 Historic Landmark HL-166 (HL2024-0001); Historic Landmark HL-167 (HL2024-0002); and Mills Act Contract MA-155 (MA2024-0001)
508 and 512 South Ivy Avenue, Saxony Holdings, LLC (Jeff Godbold and Joshua Cain), Applicant**

Deputy Director of Community Development Sheri Bermejo presented the staff report and provided the following answers to the Historic Preservation Commission's questions:

- Staff could evaluate the possibility of designating the homes under Criterion 1 for their association with former property owner Steve Baker, who saved the Blair House and also served as the City's Official Historian and City Treasurer;
- Repairs to the homes, including to the porches and stairs, are already included in the 2023 land use entitlement approvals; and
- The removal of the existing chain link fencing onsite is also included in the project's work plan.

Chair Lee opened the public hearing.

Public Input:

1. Joshua Cain, applicant, spoke about improvements that will be made to the railings of the Luther Blair House.
2. Ili Lobaco, Board Member of the Monrovia Historical Museum, spoke about her experience observing the 1993 relocation of the Luther Blair House to its present location.

Chair Lee closed the public hearing.

Staff provided the following answer to the Historic Preservation Commission's question:

- The Commission has the option to recommend designation of the homes to the City Council as presented or to include the association with Steve Baker in the recommendation for landmark designation with either or both homes.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Yamaguchi, to recommend approval of HL2024-0001, HL2024-0002, and MA2024-0001 to City Council with the added recommendation that Steve Baker be listed under Criterion 1 for the historic landmark designation of both homes. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT: Deputy Director of Community Development Sheri Bermejo provided updates on the following:

- Commission Reorganization

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Houston, to elect Vice-Chair Mark Houston as Chair and Commissioner Michael Falcone as Vice-Chair for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- All-America City
 - The City of Monrovia was recently named a 2024 All-America City by the National Civic League (NCL).

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mark Houston, Chair
Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission

Craig Jimenez, AICP, Secretary
Monrovia Historic Preservation Commission