

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

May 3, 2016 5:00 p.m.

City Manager's Conference Room, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hart called a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:06 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Commissioners Hart, Niemeier, Sherman, Swanson, Wilcox, and Ex Officio Newland.

Staff Attending: Director of Community Development Dick and Associate Planner Kinnard.

Absent: Commissioners Jones and Schmitz.

Visitors: Scott Moomjian, Brian F. Smith, Richard Benson, Scot Eisendrath, Mitch Siegler, Ian Gill, and Austin Dias representing Silvergate Development, potential developer of 8585 La Mesa Boulevard.

COMMUNICATIONS None.

HEARINGS None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

BUSINESS

a. Little Flower Haven – Preliminary Discussion

Brian F. Smith and Associates was retained by Silvergate Development to prepare a draft Historic Structure Evaluation for 8585 La Mesa Boulevard. The assessment was provided to the HPC for discussion purposes at the request of Silvergate, who is currently evaluating the feasibility of redeveloping the site.

Mr. Smith and Scott Moomjian summarized the assessment report and the conclusions therein. The original 1939 portion of the building has been deemed eligible for listing on local and state registers and there was discussion from the Commission about expanding the eligibility period to include later additions in the 1950s and 1960s. Staff distributed a supplemental letter dated May 2, 2016 from Mr. Smith to the City.

Richard Benson, architect, presented a concept development plan. Members of the Commission asked questions about the design, seeking clarification about the extent of preservation of the existing facility. Commissioners discussed potential eligibility of other portions of the resource and proposed for removal.

Mr. Newland suggested that additional information be incorporated into the assessment report, including details about the original architect, local history from the La Mesa Historical Society, and historical photographs. It was suggested that the entire property be evaluated and discussed in the report. Mr. Smith indicated that the draft assessment is preliminary and can be revised as suggested and needed.

No action was taken.

b. Approval of the minutes from the March 1, 2016 meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Swanson seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Hart, Niemeier, Sherman, Swanson, and Wilcox.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Commissioners Jones and Schmitz.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Newland provided an update on the La Mesa Historical Society's historic plaque program. Commissioners inquired about development activity in the Downtown Village.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Allyson Kinnard, Associate Planner