

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

April 2, 2019 5:00 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilcox called a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:04 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Commissioners Niemeier, Pauli, Tolin, Sherman, Swanson, Ullah, and Wilcox, and Ex-Officio Newland by phone.

Staff Attending: Community Development Director Kusiak and Senior Planner Kinnard.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Keoni Rosa and Craig DeWitt representing 2019-04 HPC.

3. DELETIONS FROM AGENDA /URGENT ADDITIONS None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS None.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

6. HEARINGS None.

7. BUSINESS

- a. **2019-04 HPC (Pine Street Park LLC)** – Consideration of proposed alterations to a duplex residence at 4525 Alta Lane in the R2 (Medium Low Density Residential) zone. The residence is located in the Date Avenue Historic District and is situated on a site that contains a locally designated historic landmark known as the Staples-Orcutt House.

Senior Planner Kinnard summarized the staff report. There was discussion of the architecture and design. Mr. Rosa, the project architect, answered questions about the history of the building, prior alterations, and the deck improvements.

ACTION: Commissioner Pauli made a motion to approve the project, subject to the following revision to the preliminary draft resolution circulated in the meeting agenda:

Remove Item 3B, a finding that the project is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, due to irrelevance.

Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion.

Aye: Commissioners Niemeier, Pauli, Sherman, Swanson, Tolin, Ullah, and Wilcox.

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

b. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Commissioner Ullah described recent student fieldwork tests and provided copies of a field survey that has been developed for use by students. There was discussion about the survey questions, including the list of architectural style types, and prioritizing areas to survey. Commissioner Sherman offered to assist with style definitions. Staff is making edits to the collector tool that aligns with the DPR Primary and BSO forms. The Commissioners are continuing to research priority sites. No action was taken.

c. CEQA Review Discussion

Staff provided an overview of the differences between CEQA review as part of the discretionary review process and historic preservation review that occurs under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. There was discussion about ways to bring additional projects reviewed under CEQA to the Historic Preservation Commission for consideration.

d. Approval of the minutes from the February 5, 2019 meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Tolin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2019, with a correction that Commissioner Sherman’s absence be reflected in the action items.

Commissioner Niemeier seconded the motion.

- Aye: Commissioners Niemeier, Pauli, Swanson, Tolin, Ullah, and Wilcox.
- Nay: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: Commissioner Sherman.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ms. Kinnard provided an update on the recent adoption of two new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinances.

Mr. Newland announced that on Saturday, April 20, the La Mesa Historical Society is hosting a roundtable lecture on the historic landmark program, inventory update, and Mills Act, at the Grossmont Hospital District headquarters. A Community Conversations event to promote the inventory update is slated for June.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Allyson Kinnard, Senior Planner