

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

October 1, 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 5:02 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

2. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE

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

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

Absent: None.

Visitors: None.

3. DELETIONS FROM AGENDA /URGENT ADDITIONS None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS None.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

6. HEARINGS None.

7. BUSINESS

a. Co-sponsorship of the Annual La Mesa Historical Society Home Tour.

ACTION: Commissioner Sherman made a motion to approve co-sponsorship of the La Mesa Historical Society Home Tour.

Commissioner Ullah seconded the motion.

Aye: Cary, Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, Tolin, Ullah, and Wilcox

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

b. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Commissioners provided updates on ongoing research. Senior Planner Kinnard provided an update on the GIS data tool. Commissioner Ullah said that he would be collecting feedback from students after meeting with his class.

c. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment

Commissioner Pauli summarized the subcommittee's research and recommendations. Community Development Director Kusiak referenced the Commission's Work Plan, which limits the Commission's activities to exploring the possibility of an ordinance

amendment. He communicated City policy direction with regard to historic preservation, advised on potential outcomes, and offered suggestions on how to proceed. Issues including property owner consent, cost recovery, CEQA process, and zoning were discussed. Ex-Officio Newland described his outreach to elected officials and feedback received.

In addition to the subcommittee's stated concern about lack of HPC purview over properties not on the inventory, Commissioner Sherman noted that the ordinance lacks an adequate statement of purpose. Commissioner Ullah noted that certain language in the code related to City-initiated landmark review is outdated and should be revised for clarification. It was decided that a list of specific concerns regarding the current ordinance be generated, along with possible solutions, for incorporation into a summary report (issue paper). At the next meeting, each Commissioner was tasked with bringing three issues and solutions for discussion and prioritization. No action was taken.

d. Approval of the minutes from the September 3, 2019, meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Tolin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019.

Commissioner Cary seconded the motion.

Aye: Cary, Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, Tolin, Ullah, and Wilcox
Nay: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ex-Officio Newland announced La Mesa Historical Society is hosting a lecture on the architectural heritage of Grossmont and Mt. Helix to be held October 19, 2019, at 10:00 am, at the Grossmont Healthcare District headquarters. The lecture is in conjunction with the upcoming Historic Home Tour on November 2.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,
Allyson Kinnard, Senior Planner