

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

June 4, 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.

Staff Attending: Senior Planner Kinnard.

Absent: None.

Visitors: Danilo Nesovic representing Project No. 2019-08.

3. DELETIONS FROM AGENDA /URGENT ADDITIONS None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS None.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

6. HEARINGS None.

7. BUSINESS

- a. **Project No. 2019-08 (Murphy)** – Consideration of a proposed addition and alterations to a single-family residence at 4640 Date Avenue in the R1 (Urban Residential) zone. The Gertrude Park Updyke Home is a contributing resource within the Date Avenue Historic District.

Senior Planner Kinnard summarized the staff report. The applicant, Mr. Nesovic, provided clarification on the windows and said that the property owner is interested in retaining landmark eligibility.

Commissioner Pauli advised against using ornate replacement windows on the sides and rear. Traditionally, more elaborate windows were used only on the front elevation and adding multi-pane glazing to secondary elevations would create a false sense of history inconsistent with the Secretary's Standards. Mr. Newland agreed that such treatments should only be used where their original existence is clearly documented. Commissioner Ullah encouraged the use of real wood and true divided light in the original portion of the house.

There was consensus among the Commissioners that the original windows and trim on the north elevation (at the bay window) should be preserved. Only the aluminum fixed pane should be replaced, within its existing opening, with all other components of the bay (including the walls and roof) remaining in place.

Commissioner Sherman suggested that the one remaining vinyl window (on the rear elevation) be replaced. He asked the applicant for details about the Hardy Board shake shingles and for clarification as to whether the back door would sit at grade.

ACTION: Commissioner Ullah made a motion to approve the project, subject to the following conditions:

1. The project is conditionally approved as set forth on the application and project drawings stamped received by the City on May 6, 2019, consisting of consisting of five sheets numbered Sheet 6 (Plot Plan), Sheet 7 (Existing Floor Plan), Sheet 8 (Proposed Floor Plan), Sheet 9 (East and North Elevations), and Sheet 10 (South and West Elevations), all designated as approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on June 4, 2019, and shall not be altered without express authorization by the Community Development Department.
2. The applicant shall retain in place the existing wood frame bay windows and roof located on the north building elevation.
3. The applicant shall preserve existing exterior wood trim around all windows being replaced.
4. No alterations shall be made to the front façade and to the front portion of the south side of the residence.
5. The applicant shall simplify the design of the new windows on the sides and rear of the residence in order to provide differentiation.
6. For the door replacement on the north elevation, existing wood shingles shall be recycled for use beneath the door to blend into the existing siding.

Commissioner Tolin seconded the motion.

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

b. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Staff provided login and use instructions for the mobile and desktop GIS Collector tool. Commissioner Ullah gave an update about recent student fieldwork and Ex-Officio Newland outlined next steps. The Historical Society is interested in assisting the City to digitize building permit records. Volunteers will be visiting the front counter to conduct research.

There was discussion about recent and proposed demolition of older housing (namely 8055 La Mesa Blvd and 4911 Glen St) amid ongoing concerns about loss of potentially historic resources not included in the Inventory. Commissioners requested that staff place the topic of a possible historic preservation ordinance amendment on the next agenda in order to discuss appointing a subcommittee. No action was taken.

c. Approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Pauli made a motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019.

Commissioner Niemeier seconded the motion.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Newland announced that on Thursday, June 6, La Mesa Conversations is sponsoring a Historic Preservation talk at 6:30 pm at the Masonic Lodge, 4731 Date Avenue. The presentation will be similar to the recent roundtable lecture hosted by the La Mesa Historical Society and will provide an opportunity to share the Inventory Update project with a wider audience.

Ms. Kinnard thanked outgoing Commissioners Niemeier and Swanson for their many years of dedicated service.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Respectfully submitted,
Allyson Kinnard, Senior Planner