

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

September 7, 2021 5:00 p.m.
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

Approved October 5, 2021

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wilcox called a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE

Members Attending: Chairman Wilcox, Vice Chair Pauli, Commissioners Arnote, Cary, Cline, Rogers, Sherman, and Ex-Officio Newland

Staff Attending: Associate Planner Kinnard, Community Services Director Sue Richardson

Absent: None

Visitors: Jian-Sen Wu – 4439 Parks Avenue
Bruce Coons – Save Our Heritage Organization
Amie Hayes – Save Our Heritage Organization

3. PRESENTATIONS

3a. Collier Park/Spring House update

Ms. Richardson, Community Services Director, presented an overview of the Collier Park Renovation Project.

4. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. HEARINGS

5a. Project No. 2021-25 (Giarratano) – Consideration of a request to designate the property located at 4646 Nebo Drive, APN 470-612-20-00 in the R1 (Urban Residential) zone as a historic landmark and to establish a property preservation (Mills Act) agreement for the site

Associate Planner Kinnard presented the staff report.

Commissioner Rogers recused himself from the discussion and vote.

The Commissioners discussed the list of planned Mills Act improvements.

Commissioner Wilcox made a motion to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council designate the property known as the Roehr House, located at 4646 Nebo Drive, as a historic landmark per Criterion A and C, with additional conditions as discussed, and to establish a property preservation (Mills Act) agreement for the site. Commissioner Pauli

seconded the motion.

Aye: Arnote, Cary, Cline, Pauli, Sherman, and Wilcox
Abstain: Rogers
Nay: None
Absent: None

Commissioner Pauli made a motion to adopt a resolution recommending that the City Council approve a Mills Act agreement for the property, with required improvements as listed below to be completed within five years from the date of agreement. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion.

- Replacement of the roof with composition shingle siding similar to existing
- Install new weather insulation throughout the residence for improved energy costs
- Replace the front door with one more appropriate to the building's timeframe of 1911-1921
- Replace non-historic windows with period-appropriate wood windows
- Repair exterior wood and paint
- Upgrade electrical wiring and service

6. BUSINESS

6a. Historic Landmark Nomination Inquiry – 4439 Parks Avenue

Mr. Wu presented historic information for his property. The Commissioners discussed the present condition of the property as it related to any potential landmarking and recommended that Mr. Wu continue to research the home's history and original appearance. They also recommended that he consider engaging a consultant to research context that is appropriate to La Mesa and appropriate for landmarking.

6b. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment Discussion

Several months ago, Jan Wilcox, Carmen Pauli and Don Cary formed an ad-hoc Historic Preservation Commission sub-committee to address possible amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Commissioner Pauli presented an overview of their finalized proposal.

Ms. Pauli asked that the Commissioners review the proposed revisions to the Ordinance and forward their comments to Ms. Kinnard on Monday of the week prior to the next meeting.

Ms. Kinnard stated that staff could not move forward with the Ordinance update until direction is received from the City Council or City Manager.

6c. Historic Resources Inventory Update Discussion

Mr. Newland stated that work on the historic resources inventory update may begin in early May.

6d. Approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Chair Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion.

Aye: Arnote, Cary, Cline, Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, and Wilcox
Nay: None
Abstain: None

6e. Election of Officers

Chairman Rogers made a motion to nominate Commissioner Pauli to be Chair. Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion.

Aye: Arnote, Cary, Cline, Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, and Wilcox
Nay: None
Abstain: None

Commissioner Pauli nominated Chair Wilcox to be Vice Chair. Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion.

Aye: Arnote, Cary, Cline, Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, and Wilcox
Nay: None
Abstain: None

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Newland mentioned that he had been contacted by a resident whose property has a bomb shelter. The La Mesa Historical Society is interested in locating others in the area.

Mr. Newland will discuss the 60 year history of Grossmont Center on Saturday, October 9th at 10 a.m. at "The Well" at Grossmont Center.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Davis
Administrative Coordinator