

# **Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission**

February 4, 2020 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 5:01 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room at 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California.

## **2. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE**

Members Attending: Commissioners Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, Tolin, Ullah, and Wilcox.

Staff Attending: Senior Planner Kinnard.

Absent: Commissioner Cary and Ex-Officio Newland.

Visitors: Kat Davis, SDSU intern.

## **3. DELETIONS FROM AGENDA /URGENT ADDITIONS**

Item 7.c, Unpermitted Construction, was continued to the next meeting.

## **4. COMMUNICATIONS** None.

## **5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Kat Davis, SDSU intern working on the Inventory field survey and research, provided an update on her work.

## **6. HEARINGS** None.

## **7. BUSINESS**

### **a. Historic Resources Inventory Update**

Commissioner Ullah provided an update on field survey work planned for the spring semester. There are four students working in teams of two on priority streets identified by Ullah and Ex-Officio Newland. Efforts have so far been concentrated on El Cajon Blvd. and University Ave. Some students will be starting on research. Newland has student assistance from a Public History Course that has a ten-hour research component.

Commissioner Sherman distributed a comprehensive tally of each of the architectural styles used in the existing inventory and provided a style guide that he prepared to aid in understanding and applying appropriate styles. Commissioner Ullah added that students are in training to identify broad style categories from which a sub-style can later be determined.

Commissioner Rogers made suggestions about public outreach to support the inventory update, including on the website and through educational articles about historic buildings, architectural styles, etc.

No action was taken.

**b. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment**

The need for public outreach was discussed. Commissioner Wilcox expressed interest in developing a guidebook similar to one that the City of Coronado has published. Commissioner Ullah suggested staffing a table at the Farmer's Market that could include a survey questionnaire to gauge community interest in historic preservation. The central role of the La Mesa Historical Society in conducting public outreach was discussed. A historic preservation webpage was discussed. A community workshop was suggested, but staff explained that City-sponsored workshops occur when City work programs are actively underway. Commissioner Rogers suggested boilerplate advocacy letters that residents could sign and submit. There was discussion about the Work Program presentation scheduled for February 25.

No action was taken.

**c. Unpermitted Construction**

Continued to the next meeting.

**d. Approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2020, meeting.**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Pauli made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2020, with one revision, as follows:

Under Item 7a, the agreed upon language for Goal 4 was, "Develop and ordinance amendment to require a review process for properties 50 years or older and assess community support for the ordinance."

Commissioner Ullah seconded the motion.

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

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allyson Kinnard, Senior Planner