

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission

August 4, 2020 5:00 p.m.
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA

Approved October 6, 2020

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

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 Arnote, Cary, Pauli, Rogers, Sherman, Wilcox, and Ex-Officio Newland.

Staff Attending: Community Development Director Kusiak, Senior Planner Kinnard, and Administrative Coordinator Davis.

Absent: Commissioner Ullah.

Visitors: Tirrell McKnight, Ashley Losco, and Sean McDaniel representing Project Nos. 2020-23 and 2020-28.

3. DELETIONS FROM AGENDA /URGENT ADDITIONS None.

4. COMMUNICATIONS None.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None.

Commissioner Pauli was assigned chair of the meeting due to Commissioner Wilcox's recusal.

6. HEARINGS None.

- a. **Project No. 2020-28 (McKnight) – Consideration of a request to designate the property located at 4626-4630 Date Avenue in the R1 (Urban Residential) zone as a historic landmark and to establish a property preservation (Mills Act) agreement for the site. The Ernest Luff Home is a Potential Landmark located in the Date Avenue Historic District**

Ms. Kinnard presented the staff report. The project applicant indicated that they did not have any comments. Ms. Kinnard read comments into the record from Leslie Fadem and Gregory Childs of 4604 Date Avenue in support of the nomination and from Commissioner Ullah, who was absent.

Mr. McDaniel, project designer, described the proposed improvements and how they would be appropriate to the character of the front house.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Pauli said that the property does not qualify under Criteria A due to extensive exterior alterations to the front residence, especially on the front elevation. Further, it does not qualify under Criteria E because the persons of significance were not present at the time the significant activities associated with those persons occurred.

Commissioner Pauli said that she would support a Mills Act agreement for the resource as a contributor to the district. Ms. Kinnard clarified that only designated landmarks are eligible for the Mills Act.

Commissioner Sherman asked for clarification about the status of the rear house as a potential landmark. Staff replied that the rear house has its own separate sheet in the historic resources inventory and its own listing on the potential landmark list.

ACTION: Commissioner Pauli made a motion to deny the landmark designation request based on an inability to meet the eligibility criteria.

Commissioner Sherman seconded the motion.

Aye: Arnote, Pauli, Sherman
Nay: Cary
Absent: Ullah
Abstain: Rogers, Wilcox

7. BUSINESS

- a. Project No. 2020-23 (McKnight) – Consideration of an addition and exterior alterations to a residence at 4630 Date Avenue in the R1 (Urban Residential) zone. The Ernest Luff Home is a Potential Landmark located in the Date Avenue Historic District.**

The commissioners discussed the project and concluded that the alterations as proposed would be compatible with and appropriate to the historic district.

ACTION: Commissioner Pauli made a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness approving the project as shown on the plans date stamped received by the City on May 8, 2020, consisting of six sheets numbered Sheet A-1 (Project Data), Sheet A-4 (Plot Plan / Demo Plan), Sheet H1 (Existing and Proposed Floor Plans) Sheet A-5 (Proposed Floor Plan), Sheet A-6 (Foundation Plan), and Sheet A-7 (Elevations).

Commissioner Cary seconded the motion.

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

Commissioners Wilcox and Rogers returned to the meeting. Commissioner Wilcox resumed the role of chair.

b. Approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2020, meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Pauli made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2020.

Commissioner Wilcox seconded the motion.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Ex-Officio Newland announced ongoing preservation efforts in the community and provided an update on ongoing work at the La Mesa Historical Society. The research archives are closed to the public but LMHS is providing a research service.

Commissioner Arnote introduced herself and was welcomed to the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Allyson Kinnard, Senior Planner