CITY OF LONG BEACH CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

Karen Highberger, Chair Irma Hernandez, Vice Chair Laura H. Brasser, Commissioner Shannon Carmack, Commissioner



MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM

Louise Ivers, Commissioner Harvey Keller, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:32 PM)

At 5:32 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:33 PM)

Boardmembers Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise

Present: Ivers and Harvey Keller

Boardmembers Shannon Carmack

Absent:

Also present: Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director of Development; Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer; Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney; Lynette Ferenczy, Planner; Angie Zetterquist, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:33 PM)

Commissioner Brasser led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:34 PM)

11-018CH

Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of July 11, 2011.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and

Harvey Keller

Abstain: 1 - Laura H. Brasser

Absent: 1 - Shannon Carmack

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:35 PM)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Linda Trang, Deputy City Attorney.

Jill Griffiths provided the Director's Report.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:38 PM)

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

PROGRESS REPORT - AMERICAN HOTEL PROJECT (5:38 PM)

Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director of Development, introduced Carl Morgan of the Redevelopment Agency, who provided a progress report on the American Hotel project.

Carl Morgan responded to queries from Commissioner Ivers.

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Carl Morgan responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:51 PM)

1. 11-020CH

Recommendation to adopt revised findings for the denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 465-square-foot one-story addition and a 549-square-foot two-story addition at the rear of an existing one-story residence located at 3619 Walnut Avenue in the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No. HP 11-0189)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 1 - Shannon Carmack

2. 11-022CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations to the facade of a designated landmark building known as The Bank of Belmont Shore located at 5354 E. 2nd Street. (District 3) (Application No. HP11-0206)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Lynette Ferenczy, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to queries from Commissioner Brasser.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A motion was made by Chair Highberger, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 1 - Shannon Carmack

3. 11-019CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to modify and legalize a two-story addition approximately 584 square feet previously constructed without City approval at the rear of a contributing structure located at 377 Orizaba Avenue within the Bluff Heights Historic District. (District 2) (Application No. HP11-0104)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Angie Zetterquist responded to queries from Commissioner Hernandez.

John Sommers, Project Architect, responded to a query from

Commissioner Hernandez.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Commissioner Keller spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Brasser spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Ivers, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Absent: 1 - Shannon Carmack

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (6:12 PM)

There was no public comment given at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (6:12 PM)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between staff and the Commission with regards to the appointment of a trustee to the Navy Memorial Heritage Association.

ADJOURNMENT (6:18 PM)

At 6:18 p.m., there being no objection, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.

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