CITY OF LONG BEACH
CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011
333 W. OCEAN BLVD
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:30 PM

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

Louise Ivers, Commissioner
Harvey Keller, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:35 PM)

At 5:35 p.m., Chair Highberger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:35 PM)

Boardmembers Present: Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

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

FLAG SALUTE (5:35 PM)

Commissioner Keller led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:36 PM)

11-030CH Recommendation to receive and file the Cultural Heritage Commission minutes of September 19, 2011.

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

Yes: 4 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

Abstain: 2 - Laura H. Brasser and Irma Hernandez

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:37 PM)

Robert Zur Schmiede, Deputy Director, presented the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:39 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.

CONTINUED ITEMS (Continued from September 19, 2011) (5:40 PM)

1. 11-024CH Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a 391-square-foot one-story addition to the rear of an existing single-story residence located at 3461 Gardenia Avenue within the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No.: HP11-0234)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, introduced Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

Steve Jones, applicant, responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Steve Jones responded to queries from Commissioner Hernandez.

Steve Jones spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Steve Jones.

Steve Jones responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

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Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Steve Jones responded to queries from Chair Highberger.

Steve Jones responded to queries from Commissioner Brasser.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Steve Jones responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Hernandez, Steve Jones, Steve Gerhardt, Robert Zur Schmiede and Jill Griffiths.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Steve Jones responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to specify that the roof be approved as depicted on sheet 2.1.2 and that the review and approval of fencing be deferred to staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

2. 11-025CH

Recommendation to partially approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations to an existing one-story ranch style home located at 21 Redondo Avenue in the Bluff Park Historic District. (District 3) (Application No.: HP11-0132)

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

Kevin Chinook, applicant, spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Carmack and Kevin Chinook.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brasser and Kevin Chinook.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Kevin Chinook responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Chair Highberger swore in late arriving members of the public who wished to provide testimony.

Wendy Harn, Board Member of the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

Sasha Witte, President of the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association, provided public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller to approve the subcommittee's recommendation with an amendment indicating that the items not being approved are directly related to modifications completed without permits and without a Certificate of Appropriateness and do not meet the Secretary of the

Interior's Standards, that a condition be added that photographs be submitted to staff in the event that the item is appealed to the Planning Commission and that the wood moulding be replaced on the east elevation of the house.

Lynette Ferenczy responded to a query from Commissioner Carmack.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Wendy Harn responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

Chair Highberger responded to a query from Commissioner Ivers.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Carmack and Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Brasser and Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Commissioner Brasser spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Brasser, seconded by Commissioner Carmack, to approve the subcommittee's recommendation with an amendment to remove stucco from the existing chimney and that the wood moulding be replaced on the east elevation of the house. The motion failed 3 in favor (Commissioners Brasser, Carmack and Ivers) to 3 against (Commissioners Keller, Hernandez, and Highberger).

A dialogue ensued between Chair Highberger and Commissioner Brasser.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Chair Highberger spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve the subcommittee's recommendation with an amendment indicating that the items not being approved are directly related to modifications completed without permits and without a Certificate of Appropriateness and do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, that a condition be added that photographs be submitted to staff in the event that the item is appealed to the planning Commission and that the wood moulding be replaced on the east elevation of the house. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

No: 1 - Laura H. Brasser

REGULAR AGENDA (6:54 PM)

3. 11-031CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to add a 498-square-foot, one-story addition to the back of an existing one-story residence located at 3481 Rose Avenue within the California Heights Historic District. (District 7) (Application No.: HP11-0285)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Chair Highberger, to continue the item to the meeting of November 14, 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

4. 11-032CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request for a new 482-square-foot second story addition to an existing one-story single-family residence and to convert an existing two-story structure in the rear of the property from a two-unit to a one-unit residence while maintaining the four garage parking spaces on the ground floor. The subject property is located at 254 Coronado Avenue within the Bluff Heights Historic District. (District 3) (Application No.: HP11-0174)

This CH-Agenda Item was withdrawn.

5. 11-033CH

Recommendation to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness request to add a 495-square-foot, one-story addition to the back of an existing one-story residence and construct a new one-car garage to the side of an existing two-story structure at the rear of the property located at 700 Sunrise Boulevard within the Sunrise Boulevard Historic District. (District 6) (Application No.: HP11-0135)

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

Steven Letran, Architect, spoke.

Steven Letran responded to a query from Commissioner Keller.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

Commissioner Hernandez spoke.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Steven Letran responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Commissioner Brasser spoke.

Chair Highberger spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Laura H. Brasser, Karen L. Highberger, Shannon Carmack, Irma Hernandez, Louise Ivers and Harvey Keller

STUDY SESSION - 2810 E. 1st Street (7:04 PM)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, provided a summary of the peer review prepared for 2810 E. 1st Street.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Carmack, Jill Griffiths, and Robert Zur Schmiede.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ivers and Robert Zur Schmiede.

Commissioner Carmack spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to queries from Commissioner Brasser.

Robert Zur Schmiede responded to a query from Commissioner Hernandez.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Chair Highberger.

Commissioner Brasser spoke.

Commissioner Ivers spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7:16 PM)

There was no public comment given.

COMMENTS FROM THE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION (7:16 PM)

Jill Griffiths, Planning Officer, spoke.

Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Commissioner Brasser.

ADJOURNMENT (7:17 PM)

At 7:17 p.m., there being no objections, Chair Highberger adjourned the meeting.