

CITY OF SAN GABRIEL
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2019, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel, California, 91776.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Lubisich.

- **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Lubisich, Vice-Chair Juarez, Commissioner Acosta, Commissioner Mojarro and Commissioner Weeks

Staff in attendance included Senior Planner Chang, Assistant Planner Garibay and Commission Secretary Louie.

- 1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

- 2. OVERVIEW OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCE ORDINANCE**

Chair Lubisich asked the consultant team regarding Zoning Code Section 153.619 relates to initial review and stated that any buildings 45 years or older should require further review prior to demolish the buildings.

Consultant Debi Howell-Ardila (Rincon Consultants, Inc.) provided responses.

Consultant John Dietler (SWCA Environment Consultants) gave a presentation on archaeological, paleontological and Native American resources.

Chair Lubisich requested a binder at the next meeting containing presentation materials and the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

3. HISTORICAL CONTEXT REPORT

Senior Planner Chang stated staff would provide an update on the Historic Context Report Request for Proposals (RFP) via email in the following week.

Chair Lubisich had a question for staff regarding the available budget for this item.

Senior Planner Chang stated that the City is in the middle of budget season and staff would provide an update to the Commission at the next meeting in June.

4. BOWLING ALLEY SIGN AT 201-217 SOUTH SAN GABRIEL BOULEVARD

Senior Planner Chang mentioned that there has been some discussion between City staff and the developer regarding the preservation of bowling alley sign. He would like the Commission to provide feedback and a direction to staff.

Commissioner Mojarro suggested relocating the sign if necessary. It is iconic and the City should try to preserve the sign.

Vice-Chair Juarez would like to see the sign somewhere in the city and would like staff to exploring options or contact other businesses to preserve the sign.

Commissioner Acosta agreed it is a great idea to connect with an art collector and would like staff to identify other people or business would want the sign.

Chair Lubisich would like to see the sign stay on San Gabriel Boulevard and raise it to stand out more. She stated that we lost a lot of WWII touch, it is important to mark the significance of this sign. She would like the City to explore opportunities to preserve the sign.

Commissioner Weeks stated that he talked to the owner at Jeff's Sporting Goods and the owner had a difficult time modifying the sign because of City's sign ordinances. The City should work with the owners or developers that want to preserve these iconic signs.

Senior Planner Chang stated the Zoning Code has a section for signs of special significance. The Zoning Code states that the owner of the property would need to submit an application to start the review process. Staff would email a copy of the Zoning Code section to the Commission.

Resident Mary Cammarano stated her concerns with the developments coming in and lack of respect of the signs that have been here for a long time. Without the past, San Gabriel will lose its uniqueness and the past. She stated that we have an obligation to educate the community.

Chair Lubisich stated there are certain buildings that are flagged but would like to see more buildings added to the register.

Consultant Debi Howell-Ardila stated that any property listed in the National Register and/or California Register should be automatically added to the San Gabriel Register. She would coordinate with staff to see what is on the California Register and what can be added.

5. STAFF FOLLOW-UP

At the March meeting, Chair Lubisich requested information from staff regarding construction activities at 602 South Del Mar Avenue and 111 East Central Avenue.

Senior Planner Chang stated that the 602 or 604 South Del Mar Avenue is going through tenant improvement work for a proposed office use and 111 East Central Avenue is an interior remodel to an existing single-family dwelling.

6. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is on June 12, 2019.

The tentative items on the agenda include Historical Context Report update, Mill Act, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) training and Ordinance training.

7. FUTURE COMMISSION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Lubisich would like to have clarification on the register process and start the register process at the next meeting.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING MANAGER

None

10.COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

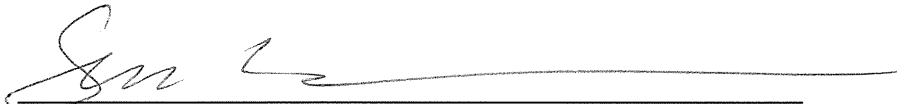
Chair Lubisich mentioned she is waiting to hear back if the revisions are sufficient to get the Mission Playhouse on the National Registry. She would like the Commission to pay attention to Senate Bills (SB) 4 and 50. May is Preservation Month and she wonders if there are any City events related to this item.

11.ADJOURN HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION MEETING

To the regular meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at City Hall, 425 South Mission Drive, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers.



MATT CHANG, ACTING SECRETARY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION



SENYA LUBISICH, CHAIR
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