

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA

November 19, 2014

4 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 4 p.m. in Council Chambers, Building "A" located at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Danielson, Fink, O'Neill, Schoenherr, Stillman

ABSENT: Commissioner Fotiadi

ALSO PRESENT: Associate Planner Tessitore-Lopez, Principal Planner Pongeggi,
Secretary Rice,

1. Declaration of excused absence

Staff stated that Commissioner Fotiadi had not sent any communication that he would not be attending tonight's meeting. The commission decided to wait to give Commissioner Fotiadi a chance to appear before voting on his absence.

2. Approval of minutes: October 15, 2014

Staff recommendation: Commission approve minutes

Action: Commissioner Schoenherr moved to accept the minutes of October 15, 2014. Commissioner O'Neill seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0-1-1 with Commissioner Fink abstaining and Commissioner Fotiadi absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Consideration by City of Chula Vista Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of the potential historical eligibility of the Rohr Industries Drop Hammer located at Memorial park and a recommendation by the HPC to the City Council to initiate consideration for historic designation of the Rohr Industries Drop Hammer.

Project Manager, Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez

Staff recommendation: That the Historic Preservation Commission recommend that the City Council initiate the designation process for the Rohr Industries Drop Hammer located at Memorial Park.

Lynnette Lopez, Associate Planner gave some background information concerning the drop hammer, which is a large metal forming device that was invented in the 1920's by Rohr Industries founder, Fred Rohr. This invention changed the aircraft industry by creating a quicker and more efficient way to manufacture the metal exterior of planes.

In 2007, the Goodrich Corporation donated the Drop Hammer that is on display in Memorial Park as part of a partnership project between the Friends of the Library, the County of San Diego, and the City of Chula Vista.

Information provided by the South Bay Historical Society (SBHS) indicates that the drop hammer may meet the findings of fact and eligibility criteria for historic designation. Therefore, staff recommends that the HPC recommend that City Council initiate the designation process for the Drop Hammer.

Public Comments

Mr. David Dauciu, a Chula Vista resident was in support of the designation and gave additional background information from his research through (SBHS).

The Historic Preservation Commission supported the designation and would recommend that City Council initiate the designation for the Drop Hammer.

Action: Commissioner O'Neill made a motion to recommend that City Council initiate the designation process for the Rohr Drop Hammer. Commissioner Fink seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-0-1 with Commissioner Fotiadi absent

4. Consideration of a recommendation by the City of Chula Vista Historic Preservation Commission to the City Council to initiate the designation of Eucalyptus Park as a Designated Historical Resource.

Project Manager: Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez

Staff recommendation: The Historic Preservation Commission recommend that the City Council initiate the designation for Eucalyptus Park.

Ms. Lopez stated the Chula Vista 2012 Historical Resources survey identified Eucalyptus Park as an Eligible Resource for its association with Chula Vista's Community Planning and Development during the City Development and City Maturation Periods (Criterion 1); and as an important historic landscape in Chula Vista's history (Criterion 4). Eucalyptus Park is a publicly owned resource.

The commission discussed the historical boundaries of the park the official name of the park, and if it was designated as a city park, and the historical buildings associated with the park.

Staff advised that many of the questions raised by the HPC would be part of the information that staff would bring back to the commission if city council initiates designation.

The Historic Preservation Commission supported the designation and would recommend that City Council initiate the designation for Eucalyptus Park.

Action: Commissioner O'Neill made a motion to recommend that City Council initiate the designation for Eucalyptus Park. Commissioner Stillman seconded and it passed 5-0-0-1 with Commissioner Fotiadi absent.

5. Consideration by the City of Chula Vista Historic Preservation Commission to the Use of Different Historic Plaques to identify Designated Commercial Buildings.

Project Manager: Lynnette Tessitore-Lopez

Staff recommendation: That a historic site plaque made of a cast bronze or similar material be used for designated commercial buildings.

Ms. Lopez gave a brief presentation. Currently the City's historic site plaque is a 2 inch by 12 inch by 18 inch, Redwood or Cedar solid wood, relief blasted with raised copy plaque. Each historic plaque has the City's logo, the historic site #, the name of the historical resource, and the year the historical resource was built. The current cost of the plaque is \$200.

Staff researched other jurisdictions and sign vendors and found that most jurisdictions use the same plaque for both commercial and residential buildings. Staff proposed a smaller (12 x 10) historic site plaque made of bronze for commercial buildings. The cost for this type of plaque is approximately \$400.

The HPC approved of staff's recommendation that historic site plaques for commercial buildings be made of bronze or similar materials.

Action: Commissioner Stillman made a motion to accept staff's recommendation that historic site plaques made of cast bronze or similar material be used for designated commercial buildings. Commissioner Fink seconded and it passed 5-0-0-1 with Commissioner Fotiadi absent.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Lopez said they did not anticipate having any items for December 3rd so there will not be a meeting, but there will be one on December 17, 2014. Staff asked that if any of the commissioners are not available for that meeting to please let staff know.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

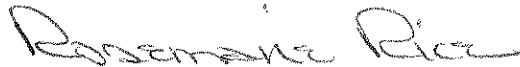
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8. COMMISSIONERS'/BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m., Chairperson Danielson adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Meeting on December 3, 2014 in the Council Chambers, Building "A", 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.



Rosemarie Rice
Rosemarie Rice, Secretary