

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION
CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA, CALIFORNIA
CONVENED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1424 MISSION STREET**

ROLL CALL

The Meeting convened at: 6:50 PM

Commissioners Present: John Lesak (Chair), Robert Conte, Deborah Howell-Ardila

Commissioners Absent: James McLane (Vice-Chair), West J. De Young

Council Liaison Absent: Michael A. Cacciotti, Councilmember

Staff Liaison Present: John Mayer, Senior Planner

NON-AGENDA
PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD

1. None.

CONTINUED
APPLICATIONS

2. None.

NEW ITEMS

3. None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **307 Fremont Avenue**
Prospective Applicant: Erick Molinar
Conceptual Review
Historic Status Code: 4X

Presentation:

Erick Molinar solicited comments on a proposal for a 931 sq. ft. single story addition and a 307 sq. ft. second story addition to an existing 2,073 sq. ft. two story English Revival house, a new 400 sq. ft. two vehicle garage attached to a 850 sq. ft. guest house, and a 200 sq. ft. carport.

Discussion:

Commissioners need to see more of the home's details and character defining features on the drawings and plans. The home's asymmetrical design is important to the home's historic character. The proposed design appears "boxy". Commissioners requested to see the construction history of the house. The Commission only provided comments on the proposal and did not make any decisions on the proposed project.

5. **811 Montrose Avenue**
Prospective Applicant: Scott Sullivan
Conceptual Review
Historic Status: 5D3

Presentation:

Scott Sullivan solicited comments on a proposal to build an 804.5 square foot addition to the rear side of a house and a 114 square foot covered porch to the front of the house. The existing house is a single-story Craftsman style house on an 8,869 square foot lot. The proposed application would

also include a new 400 square foot garage for the southwest corner of the property.

Discussion:

Commissioners raised concerns about the roof massing and the long expanse of uninterrupted wall. Commissioners noted that the original proportion of the house is important. The applicant may want to find a way to “hyphenate” the new addition from the original structure. This item was for discussion purposes only; no decisions were made about the proposed project.

6. Draft Preservation Ordinance Revisions

The Cultural Heritage Commission continued work on revisions and review of the draft preservation ordinance. Commissioners discussed the criteria and information that should be required for applicants who want to remove an address from the Cultural Heritage Inventory.

Commissioner Howell-Ardila raised concerns about the designation criteria for Landmarks and Historic Districts noting that the criteria seem loose. The first criterion seems vague and difficult to understand the type of property that would be eligible.

Commissioner Lesak encouraged the commissioners to send re-writes to the staff so that the entire commission can review all the recommended changes in a streamlined way.

Commissioners also reviewed the section that covers work related to public health and safety and the section regarding enforcement and penalties.

COMMUNICATIONS

7. Comments from Council Liaison

None

8. Comments from Commission

Commissioner Howell-Ardila provided an update on the Rialto Theater meeting she attended with City staff and the family trust.

Commissioner Lesak informed the Commission about Assembly Bill 1999, which would allow a state tax credit for the rehabilitation of certified historic structures in California. The bill would provide either a 25% credit or a 30% credit if the structure meets specified criteria.

9. Comments from South Pasadena Preservation Foundation Liaison

None

10. Comments from Staff

None

MINUTES

11. Minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2014

The Commission did not vote on the minutes; they were not included in the agenda packet.

12. Minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2014

The Commission did not vote on the minutes; they were not included in the agenda packet.

13. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2014

The Commission did not vote on the minutes; they were not included in the agenda packet.

14. Minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2014

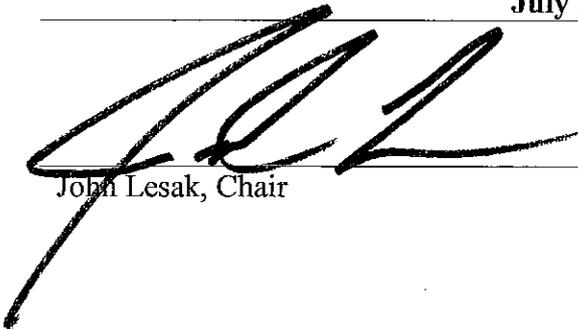
The Commission did not vote on the minutes; they were not included in the agenda packet.

15. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 2014

Motion/Second (Leak/Conte) to **APPROVE** the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting of July 17, 2014.



John Lesak, Chair

10.21.2014
Date