

**MINUTES OF THE
REDONDO BEACH PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:07 p.m. at City Hall, 415 Diamond Street, by Chairperson Gibson.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Day, Jackson, Miller-Hack, Richer, Chairperson Gibson
Commissioners Absent: Mentesoglu, Perry
Officials Present: Alex Plascencia, Assistant Planner
Margareet Wood, Recording Secretary

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The members joined in the salute to the flag.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Miller-Hack, to approve the order of agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approval of Affidavit of posting for the September 1, 2010 Preservation Commission meeting agenda
- Approval of minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2010
- Receive and file written communications

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

Motion by Commissioner Miller-Hack, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Education

Planner Plascencia answered that he will contact the members with information about signing up to work at the upcoming Public Safety Fair.

Minor Alterations

Chairperson Gibson reported that the Minor Alterations Subcommittee met to consider paint colors and replacement windows for the house on Gertruda Avenue. Planner Plascencia added that the owner is in the process of installing wood replacement windows. He said that divided light windows were approved for the front elevation and that double-hung windows were approved for the remaining elevations.

Historic District

Chairperson Gibson distributed an article from the Historical Society, which he described as an overview of the historic district formation process in Redondo Beach. He recommended a wide distribution plan for the article, including photographs and captions, on the website, at open houses and other events, and at City Hall.

Chairperson Gibson suggested holding an open house/information night to discuss historic district formation in the Clifton-by-the-Sea district, possibly at the Knob Hill Community Center sometime during the last week of January or the first week of February 2011. He said the meeting could focus on the history of the Clifton-by-the-Sea area as well as district formation and could possibly be cosponsored by the Historical Society. He suggested that historic homeowners could be invited to serve as co-hosts. He recommended further discussion at the November Preservation Commission meeting.

Redondo Stairway

Chairperson Gibson referred to the Ainsworth Court Stairs Rehabilitation Study dated January 20, 2004, which he said is a good starting point for what the Preservation Commission would like to achieve with the Stairway rehabilitation. He said the Stairway was a very prominent feature of and the last surviving physical link to the Redondo Hotel—one of the most important buildings in Redondo Beach history.

Planner Plascencia added that the Rehabilitation Study by Kaplan Chen Kaplan provides the background, treatment strategies, and cost estimates for the Stairway.

Chairperson Gibson distributed information about sets of stairs which have been landmarked by the City of Los Angeles. He announced a walking tour of stairwells in Echo Park on November 27. He also distributed an article from the National Trust website about the restoration of a stairway in New York City.

Chairperson Gibson stated that the first step in the Ainsworth Court Stairs rehabilitation will be to obtain landmark status and he felt the major challenge will be to determine the appropriate Los Angeles County official to approve the landmark.

Planner Plascencia predicted that procedural questions from the County may relate to maintenance, life safety, repair, and alteration of the stairway path or direction.

Commissioner Day volunteered to assist with obtaining the landmark.

COMMISSION ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Chairperson Gibson announced a living history tour of Angelus Rosedale Cemetery on September 25 which will feature former Redondo Beach resident Clara Burdette, who is identified as an important suffragette, and who commissioned the Eventide House at the corner of Esplanade and Avenue H.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget and Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Program Update

Planner Plascencia explained that this informational item is intended to update the members on budget and CIP items and provide an overview of operational goals and the current CIP program. He recommended that the members receive and file the report.

Planner Plascencia answered that he will investigate the status of the George Freeth memorial and report back.

Commissioner Jackson reported that the City is working on hardscape for the Freeth project; and that project completion is anticipated for the third week of September.

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Day, to receive and file the 2010-2011 Budget and Fiscal Year 2010-2015 Capital Improvement Update. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and File the Strategic Plan Update on Six-Month Objectives and Provide Input

Planner Plascencia read the five three-year goals for which recommendations were requested. He clarified that the goals are set in six-month increments.

Chairperson Gibson stated that the goal to Increase Organizational Effectiveness and Efficiency would be promoted by implementation of an updated historic resources survey.

Planner Plascencia suggested presenting a letter from the Commission recommending the addition of an objective for an updated historic resources survey to City Council for review at the September 28 workshop.

Chairperson Gibson responded that he will edit the most recent letter to City Council supporting a historic survey update and submit for consideration.

Planner Plascencia answered that input for the Strategic Plan may include recommendations relating to preservation as well as other topics.

Commissioner Jackson stated that the Ainsworth Court Stair Rehabilitation project would fit with the goal to Vitalize the Harbor and Pier Areas.

Planner Plascencia stated that the Ainsworth Court Stair Rehabilitation project was previously listed on an unfunded list; however it was removed after a decision was made to drop some unfunded projects.

Chairperson Gibson said that he will include a segment in the letter about emphasizing historic elements of the Harbor and Pier areas.

Planner Plascencia suggested that possibly the Ainsworth Court Stair Rehabilitation Project would fall under the goal to Improve Public Infrastructure and Facilities.

Planner Plascencia said that new projects are proposed for the Strategic Plan at the biannual workshop and the decision to add new projects ultimately depends on available funding and how projects fit into existing categories. He said he will find out more about the presentation process in regard to the Ainsworth Court Stair Rehabilitation and report back to the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Day, to authorize Chairperson Gibson to revise the letter previously reviewed and approved by the Commission in connection with the historic survey update and add a section regarding emphasizing historic elements of the Pier and Harbor. Motion carried unanimously.

Notification of Planning Commission Projects

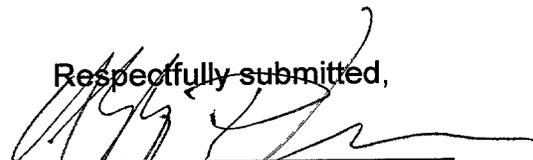
Planner Plascencia reported the demolition of a C-rated structure at 704 Vincent Park.

Planner Plascencia reported that Commissioner Montesoglu's term has expired and that Commissioner Perry will be moving out-of-state; therefore two new Commissioners will attend the November meeting. He also said that he will notify the members of the upcoming Commissioner orientation date.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Gibson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. to the next regular meeting on November 3, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Alex Plascencia
Assistant Planner