

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
POMONA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Gallivan.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Gomez led the Commission in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL: Roll was taken by Development Services Manager Johnson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Gallivan and Vice-Chair Martin; Commissioners Garcia, Gomez, Tessier, and Tomkins

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Kercheval (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Development Services Director Lazzaretto, Development Services Manager Johnson, City Civil Engineer Matt Pilarz with Public Works, and City Engineer Guerrero

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ITEM D:  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Mickey Gallivan thanked the City for assisting with the stables, but expressed her concern regarding the building as she heard it was contaminated and she hoped the City would look into the issue, she mentioned the possibility of the Adobe De Palomares and the La Casa Primera parks becoming certified as being a part of the National Parks Service by the National Park and the Federal Highway Commissions, and she stated a concern regarding the loss of expertise within staff.

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ITEM E:  
CONSENT CALENDAR: None

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ITEM F-1 PUBLIC HEARING – MAJOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (MAJCOA 5720-2016) TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF LANDSCAPED STREET CROSSING BULB-OUTS, MEDIANS, ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMPS, AND NEW CROSSWALKS AT THE SUBJECT LOCATIONS TO IMPROVE ADA ACCESSIBILITY TO THE PARK; INSTALLATION OF A NEW DECOMPOSED GRANITE PATH AROUND THE PERIMETER OF LINCOLN PARK; AND REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING CONCRETE PICNIC AREA WITH DECOMPOSED GRANITE.  
*(Continued from February 1, 2017)*

Due to the location of the item, Commissioner Tomkins recused herself.

Commissioner Tessier disclosed he had family members associated with the item.

Development Services Director Lazzaretto stated staff discussed the Commissioner Tessier's relationship of family members with the Legal Department and it was determined as Commissioner Tessier did not have any financial gain from the property or lawsuit he may consider the item as a Commissioner.

City Civil Engineer Matt Pilarz presented a staff report, revised from February 1, 2017, regarding a request to allow the installation of landscaped street crossing bulb-outs, medians, ADA accessible ramps, and new crosswalks at subject locations. Discussion ensued regarding options 1 and 2 provided to the Commission. Vice Chair Martin stated concerns with setting a precedent for utilizing bulb-outs throughout historic districts. Commissioner Garcia stated he liked the idea of medians and suggested adding medians at the intersections. City Civil Engineer Matt Pilarz stated medians were discussed and it was determined bulb-outs and curb extensions would allow for effective traffic calming. Chair Gallivan opened the public hearing. Ms. Dawn Van Allen stated she was in agreement with the alternatives presented, but she still did not agree with the bulb-outs and she stated concerns regarding the Oak tree due to adding concrete or granite. Mr. Frank Romero stated concerns regarding the bulb-outs as they would negatively affect his property. He suggested alternatives such as signs to calm traffic. Mr. Fred Van Allen, stated his support for ADA improvements, but suggested alternatives such as speed bumps or stop signs rather than bulb-outs. Ms. Rebecca Ryan stated she did not feel there was a current traffic issue for the area and stated support for ADA and park improvements rather than improvements outside of the park. Mr. Dan McIntire, speaking on behalf of Pomona Heritage as well as himself, provided a historic photo of Lincoln Park and stated the historic aspect the process had not been followed. He submitted a petition of those against the bulb-outs and traffic calming presented. He stated concerns regarding community meetings not being adequate as they were not properly noticed and comments were not properly addressed. He asked the Commission to deny the item. On a personal note he stated the Parks and Recreation Commission denied the item unanimously and he stated he felt the historic status of the park should override bulb-outs and other traffic calming suggestions presented. He suggested installing stop signs rather than bulb-outs. Ms. Ann Tomkins, resident near the park, stated she did not feel the alternatives presented would assist with the current traffic issues for the area. She stated she was hoping other suggestions would have been presented tonight rather than presenting bulb-outs or no improvements as she felt funds saved from the current litigation would be spent with other litigations due to future accidents in the area. Ms. Joan McIntire read a letter on behalf of Ann Smith, resident near the park, regarding the issues of the process which was followed for the traffic study which was not accurately communicated to the community and once communicated was suggested there were no other options as there was pending litigation. Ms. Laurette Lavin, resident near the park, stated concerns regarding the alternatives presented being limited and uncompromising. She stated bulb-outs were not needed as other traffic calming suggestions could be instituted. She requested a third alternative be presented. City Civil Engineer Matt Pilarz stated stop signs need to be warranted therefore a study would need to be performed before installed. In addition, he stated a moratorium was placed by the city for speed humps therefore that could not be suggested. He stated the city believed two viable alternatives had been presented and the city felt the historic nature of the park and area had been considered. Chair Gallivan closed the public hearing. Vice Chair Martin urged the community to speak to the Mayor and City Council regarding lifting the speed hump moratorium, she stated five entries rather than

three should be considered, she agreed with the alternative of repairing the pavers, and she stated the Oak tree should be considered and preserved. In addition, she requested staff to look into historic trees being removed and not replaced. Commissioner Gomez inquired whether there could be five entries to the park without bulb-outs. City Civil Engineer Matt Pilarz stated he would not want to suggest an alternative as he does not believe would be necessary. Commissioner Tessier suggested removing the bulb-out only on the park side and adding a stop sign while keeping five points of entry. In addition, he suggested other traffic calming alternatives such as signage and a blinking pedestrian light. City Engineer Guerrero reminded the Commission a given area requires criteria to warrant a stop sign such as five reported accidents per year. In addition, he stated lighted crosswalks were considered, but concerns were also stated due to the historic nature of the area. Chair Gallivan stated concerns with killing the Oak tree due to work being performed around the tree. He recommended a condition addressing protections of the tree such as prohibiting utilizing heavy equipment within 6 feet of the tree and prohibiting work interfering with the drain pattern for the tree. Commissioner Garcia suggested considering the ADA improvements tonight and possibly addressing the other improvements as a separate project. Development Services Director Lazzaretto stated the city was required to return to the judge in 90 days to provide a solution. Vice Chair Martin made a motion to remove bulb-outs from the five entrances of the park and to request staff to go before the City Council to request a lift of the moratorium of speed bumps so speed bumps could be installed around the circle to assist with traffic calming.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, carried by a majority vote of the members present (6-0-0-1), Commissioner Kercheval excused, approving five entries to the park with the removal of bulb-outs and requesting staff to go before the City Council to request a lift of the moratorium of speed bumps so speed bumps, without medians, could be installed around the circle to assist with traffic calming.

Vice Chair Martin made a motion repair the planter with like materials and the picnic area with brick. The materials and work to be performed should be approved by a professional arborist as to ensure the oak tree is not disturbed.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, carried by a majority vote of the members present (6-0-0-1), Commissioner Kercheval excused, approving repair of the planter with like materials and the picnic area with brick with the materials and work being approved by a professional arborist to ensure the oak tree is not disturbed.

Vice Chair Martin made a motion to keep the park paths as original as possible with the exception of the ADA paths required in alternate 2 with the addition of two entries.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, carried by a majority vote of the members present (6-0-0-1), Commissioner Kercheval excused, approving keeping the park paths as original as possible with the exception of the ADA paths required in alternate 2 with an additional two entries.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Chair Gallivan, carried by a majority vote of the members present (6-0-0-1), Commissioner Kercheval excused, approving staff to look into replacing the historic trees which have been removed with trees of a least 24-inch box.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, carried by a majority vote of the members present (6-0-0-1), Commissioner Kercheval excused, approving the support of the ADA picnic bench.

Commissioner Tessier made a motion, if the City Council were to not lift the moratorium on speed bumps, to request staff to look into other alternatives besides bulb-outs on the park side of Palomares and Jefferson. He stated a fifth point of entry should be look into at a later date. He stated he felt safety should be the main concern and he is not certain the motions made tonight including speed bumps would be the safest alternative.

The Commission discussed and agreed to not consider Commissioner Tessier's motion unless the item comes back before the Commission.

City Engineer Guerrero mentioned a possible issue with the City Council addressing this request for speed bumps when there is a backlog of request for speed bumps for other districts.

Vice Chair Martin made a motion for an alternative, if the City Council does not approve the speed bumps, of medians in the middle of the two locations with five entry points.

The Commission discussed and agreed to not consider Vice Chair Martin's motion regarding medians as an alternative should speed bumps not be approved.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin, seconded by Chair Gallivan, carried by a majority vote of the members present (6-0-0-1), Commissioner Kercheval excused, adopting the amended resolution approving Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 5720-2016).

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ITEM G:  
NEW BUSINESS:

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ITEM H:  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Garcia requested staff look into the Historic Preservation Commission meetings be rescheduled to begin at 7pm rather than 6:30pm.

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ITEM I:  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Certificate of Appropriateness Approvals for Minor Alterations - February 2017
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ITEM J:  
ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gallivan adjourned the meeting at 10:58 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission on April 5, 2017, in the City Council Chambers.

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Brad Johnson  
Development Services Manager

Maureen Casey, Transcriber

The minutes of this meeting are filed in the Planning Division of City Hall, located 505 South Garey Avenue, Pomona, CA, 91766.