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ITEM #3

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

# Minutes

**MEETING OF:** HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
**DATE OF MEETING:** November 21, 2019
**TIME OF MEETING:** 6:00 PM
**PLACE OF MEETING:** City Council Chamber

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commission Chair Majer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners Laurie Boone, Anne Estes, Pearl Ly, Chad Majer, Robert Prosser
Ex-Officio Planning Commissioner Alicia Lafferty

Absent: none

Staff Present: Ron Kemp, Assistant City Attorney,
Suzanne Smithson, Deputy Library Director
Sarah Dana, Sr. Librarian
Dianna Galindo, Sr. Office Specialist

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2019 were approved (5/0)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The commissioners heard from community member Don Christiansen regarding Heritage Trees. Mr. Christiansen shared a hand out of what has been done in other cities with historic trees and encouraged putting this on a future agenda to discuss.

**PUBLIC HEARING—HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF ENCINA POWER STATION STACK:**

A public hearing was held in response to a written request from community member Jim Strickland regarding the potential historic designation of the Encina Power Station stack. Mr. Strickland shared a presentation about the historic significance of the stack.

The commission then heard comment from Eric Leuze, Vice President of Cabrillo Power. Mr. Leuze shared that there is no interest from Cabrillo Power as the owners of the property in having the stack designated as a historic landmark. He noted that the demolition is set to begin in April according to the agreement with the City of Carlsbad.

The commission heard testimony from members the public:

1. A group of 6 students from Calavera Hills Middle School shared their ideas regarding the Encina Power Plant. They would hope to preserve the stack as a park and historical site.

2. Community member Bill Bowman would like to see the stack turned into a historic monument and given back to the people of Carlsbad to enjoy as a park or amphitheater with the stack in the background.

3. Community member Kathryn Wilken shared her opinion that the smoke stack has been a significant landmark. When she drives from San Diego and sees the smoke stack she knows she's "home". Its presence is a familiar one and should be preserved.

By proper motion and vote the commission moved to deny the application to make the stack a historic landmark. The commission acknowledged that the stack fits the criteria of the municipal code in that it reflects elements of the city's cultural, social, political and architectural history but property owner's agreement is required. Therefore, the commission cannot recommend that it become a historic landmark. (4/1)

**PROPERTIES OF CONCERN:**

The commissioners discussed the procedures on establishing a Historic District that are recorded in the Municipal Code 22.06.040. The commissioners discussed potential interest in designating State Street as historic and keeping the character of the area historic. Commissioner Prosser feels the commission should really ponder over what would be the benefit for the businesses on State Street to agree to have the area designated as historic. Commission Liaison Smithson suggested that this could be something that can be added to the commission work plan. Commissioner Lafferty suggested that it would help to identify certain buildings of interest. By identifying historic buildings, it could possibly help keep the character of the Village and Barrio area. This topic is open for more discussion.

Sr. Librarian Sarah Dana shared an update of the spreadsheet of historic properties which the Carlsbad History staff distributed to the commission last month. Staff have continued to work on adding and simplifying the organization of the information regarding each property for ease of understanding. The multi-page spreadsheet includes properties that have been discussed or considered historically significant in the records of the Historic Preservation Commission, City Council, city staff, city consultants, marked with a plaque, or included in the *Historic Carlsbad: A Self-Guided Tour* brochure.

Ms. Dana also shared that there is a quick reference list of the 1990 inventory that can be reached online via carlsbadlibrary.org. Commissioner Majer suggested it be a goal to look over the list to decide what buildings would be of interest and investigate what incentives would be for the property owners.

## CARLSBAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE:

Commissioners Boone encouraged all the Historic Preservation Commissioners to consider joining the Historical Society. She feels it would be very beneficial for each commissioner to get to know the history of Carlsbad.

Commissioner Boone shared that the Historical Society was deeply connected with the 125th anniversary of St. Michaels by the Sea. Susan Gutierrez gave a wonderful presentation on the history of the Magee family.

On Veteran's Day the Army Navy Academy gave a presentation on the history of the Red Apple Inn, a property which has one of this commission's plaques.

## COMMISSION LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commission Liaison Smithson had announcements to share:

1. She informed the commissioners that on November 12, 2019 the Traffic and Mobility Commission presented their work plan to Council which can be seen online. She also stated that the Historic Preservation Commission may be presenting their work plan to Council in January.

2. There has been discussion about recording the boards and commission meetings.

3. Parks and Recreation Department is working on a master plan for the next 5 years and they are inviting stakeholders to participate in the discussion. They are asking the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Senior Commission as well as the Historic Preservation Commission since they over see our historic parks such as Leo Carrillo and Magee Park. Commissioners acknowledged that they had received the invitations.

4. Revised copies of the Heritage Tree report held at the Cole and Dove Libraries. There are a few additional copies if a commissioner should want their own copy.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Estes handed out an article on a Danish lighthouse she thought would be of interest to the other commissioners.

Commissioner Prosser shared an idea how Little Italy in San Diego has a GPS app that shows you points of interest. That may be something this commission could investigate having the historic walking tour of downtown with a GPS type app that people could download as they walk around.

Ex-officio Planning Commissioner Lafferty stated that the planning commission discussed the draft version of Local Coastal Program. In Section 5 page 25 shows a list of trails and hotels; the historic resource list only shows the Santa Fe Depot and Alt Karlsbad with no other historic buildings on the list. The due date for commentary period is November 29 and she encourages any of the commissioners to comment if they so choose. Staff Liaison Smithson committed to sending the link to the review document on the city's website.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,

Dianna Galindo