MINUTE AMENDMENTS (for meeting August 13, 2025)

ITEM L2 (pages 13-14 of 17; starting at second paragraph of L2):

1. Strike the following paragraphs (paragraphs 2-5):
   Discussion following regarding the need for more information about the process for the Commission receiving and reviewing staff reports and assessing historic preservation projects, subjective versus objective decisions, the Mills Act, basing findings on information and evidence the Commission's duties and roles especially in being proactive.

   Director of Community Development Wiener offered to research the topic and return to the Commission with the information.

   Discussion continued regarding the timeframe for updating the City's Historic Preservation Survey and its status as it has been long due for updating. Council's upcoming review of the issue and related policies, concerns with existing potential historic properties that may be demolished and existing protections, outreach for promoting the program and notifying those who are on the register, State reporting requirements and the L.A. Conservancy grading scale, defining the Historical Overlay Zone and its use, adoptions of resolutions related to landmarks, the timeline related to the processing of Mills Act agreements, post landmark inspections, the process for identifying historic sites and landmark properties, restrictions on remodeling under the Mills Act contract, the definition of "Historic District", additional restrictions and distinctions, the need for council direction for staff to undertake the process relative to the landmarks for City-owned property and needing to agendize a related discussion.

   Commissioner Maroko recalled it had been previously requested but has not been included in subsequent meeting agendas.

2. Replace with the following language:

   Commissioner Lang inquired and requested clarification about the process and procedure of getting items before the Commission. As the two items on the agenda today were not accompanied with a staff report only a recommendation. Director Wiener responded that items are generally accompanied with a staff report, but here was presented differently than when they present to council. Commissioner Lang also requested clarification on who was the point person in processing the

applications. Director Wiener responded that Redondo does not have a person who specializes in historic preservation, but the review falls on the planners who maintain a regular caseload. He stated that Sean O'Rourke will be taking on the preservation role and will be learning into the role with the training from the Director.

Commissioner Galassi added that the previous preservation liaison provided comprehensive power point presentations as part of her staff reports and biographical information if anyone significant lived there.

Commissioner Maroko, consistent with the staff's previous request that Commissioners come up with questions for the staff regarding this presentation inquired of Director Wiener about:
-Subjective decisions or objective decisions related to preservation matters. Specifically whether the only objective decision was whether the property was age eligible and everything else related to the guidelines was subjective. Director Wiener responded that the Mills Act was an incentive to landmarking and there is no cap as to how many. As to modifications, that is a subjective decision and listing a property can be subjective as based upon a criteria. He has seen dueling professional reports, whether property eligible or modifications are appropriate. In his opinion, it is all subjective with hopefully enough guidance to point the decisionmakers down the right path.
-Roles of Commissioners - proactive in the community promoting historic preservation versus reactive to the applications brought to the commission. Director Wiener responded that he would need to get back to the Commission once review of whether the duties and roles changed from the previous Preservation Commission. He believed that the role does include review of the applications brought before the Commission on an individual project basis. However, whether the role included policy input to the council or advocates, he will look into and get back to the Commission.
-Historic Resources Survey update. In slide 6, the Director said that the Survey is required to be updated every five years, but our is over 25 years since its last update and properties built from the 1950s-1970s have the potential to be demolished without input from the Commission. Director Wiener responded that the Survey is due for updating and council has already funded it. He also mentioned that the council will have a policy discussion in the next few months as part of updating the general plan land use element. Staff will be seeking direction from the council.
-Potential demolition and safeguards by Community Development for those 1950s homes and process if possible historical resources. Director Wiener responded that

under the Code the owner would have to self nominate the property to get protection. Otherwise need to make CEQA case made against property supported by a professional analysis.
-Quarterly newsletter on preservation under the Plan and how do member of the public know that they are on the Survey list and what efforts are made by Community Development Department to notify people that are on the Survey list or are eligible for landmark status. Director Winer explained that the outreach is probably lacking now, but if interested can check the list, which is posted on the City website. People in the 1996 Survey may not have received proper notification at the time, but if they submit a project the Department would check the list. However, when comes up to council as part of the land use element will be seeking guidance from them as to what direction they want to go with the program.
-State Historic Certified Local Government Annual Report for FYE 9/30/24 that was due in March 2025. Believe that report has not been submitted to the State. Director Wiener confirmed that it has not been completed or submitted, but does not believe something that would cause City to lose certification status. He is not sure when will be submitted, but will check with Sean Scully, who was working on it.
-L.A. Conservancy grading scale for Redondo preservation. City got A-, but some places getting zeros on elements. Director somewhat familiar with it.
-Historical Overlay Zone in the ordinance, what is it and why used only once. Director Wiener explained that he would have to look at it and the intent behind it and will report back to Commission.
-Signature on resolutions. Inquired of Chair whether he has signed any of the resolutions that Commission passed. Chair responded that he did not believe so. Inquired of Director why has not happened. Director responded that he would look into that. He explained that the process also included the City Clerk's office.
-Mills Act contract timing question. Director Wiener explained since he has been with the City that typically it takes about two months from the time the landmark is approved by the Commission until the Council is presented with the contract for approval. But he further explained that it does not become effective until the next calendar year because it has to be recorded.
-Post landmark approval inspection (in Mills Act contract) and whether have ever been done. Director Wiener explained that since he has been with the City he is not aware it being done. However, he mentioned that he is looking into possibly adopting a maintenance reporting program with the owner.
-Process of getting on the Historic Resources Survey. Director Wiener explained that was essentially a "windshield survey" by a historic preservation professional driving through town supported by "thin" statement as to why it was historic.

-If landmark property becomes part of historic district are there additional restrictions on that property. Director Wiener responded that he didn't think so. He explained that the process is identical. He offered to a little research on whether there are any additional distinctions between the district and the individual properties. He Viewed it as a "cluster" of historic homes.

Commissioner Lang inquired what constitutes a Historic District. Director Wiener responded that it is defined in the Code and that it is when you have a collection of property owners in the same area and that is how the boundaries are determined.

Commissioner Maroko stated that in December 2024 the Commission voted to agendize a discussion to recommend having Wilderness Park designated as an historic landmark. As it is a City owned property so the City sign off. He then inquired when the item would be placed on the Commission's agenda for discussion. Director Wiener stated that staff has not received direction from the City Counsel as to whether the City would undertake that process.

Commissioner Maroko presented to Director Wiener with a copy of the book the Litle House by Virginia Lee Burton, a great book on preservation.

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