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**From:** Jose Rodriguez <bisqit@live.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Raymond/Esther Landmark District  
**Attachments:** Raymond\_Esther\_LD\_questions\_120911\_Rodriguez.pdf

Hi Mark,

Can you please include the below email string and the attachment in this email from Emily Stadnicki for tonight's City Council meeting under Public Hearings 7PM item #16 Raymond/Esther landmark district.

Please let me know if I made the deadline.

Thanks,

Jose

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**Date:** Mon, 12 Dec 2011 17:05:10 -0800

Questions and concerns to your answers you provided in your attachment in this email string.

Question 3:

Aurora Wright never said that she was in favor of the proposed landmark district as you specifically state "in favor" in item 4C 3.

Discussing her experiences, encouraging opponents to talk further and happy to share her experiences clearly do not equal "in favor" of the proposed landmark district.

For the record Item 4C 3 also states Jose Rodriguez "not in favor." I never said that I was not in favor.

I simply spoke and brought to the attention of the committee the illegal practices and undemocratic procedures of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Once again the Historic Preservation Commission chooses to lie regarding their own meeting minutes.

Question 4:

Your answer is:

"It is standard procedure for all items on an agenda to appear in the minutes, even if the full commission discussion did not occur."

The agenda item 4C does appear in the minutes. What also appears in the minutes is the staff recommendation. There was no staff recommendation made at the meeting for 09/19/11.

As you clearly state in your answer to question #4 in your attachment to this email:

"This item was not discussed by the commission..."

If this item was not discussed by the commission why does it appear as such in the minutes for 09/19/11.

Why does staff recommendations "the staff recommends that the commission:"

1. Find that the designation...
2. Find that the proposed...
3. Recommend that the Planning...

If this item was never discussed, as you state in your answer why are you listing it in your minutes as if this item was presented by staff?

The staff never gave a presentation regarding the proposed Raymond/Esther landmark district at the 09/19/11 meeting. If the staff never gave a presentation if the staff never gave a recommendation why does it appear as such in the minutes for 09/19/11?

If you go to the City of Pasadena website and listen to the meeting for 09/19/11 you will not hear what you have written in your minutes in regards to item 4C staff recommendation because there was no staff recommendation presented. If it never happened why do you list it in your minutes for 09/19/11?

Your answer to question #4: "a motion was passed to continue the item..." does not jive with your answer to question #1: "minutes...are limited to action minutes (i.e. motions made...". If a motion was passed as you stated in your answer to question #4 and your minutes are limited to action minutes i.e. motions made...

Why is this motion not in the minutes for 09/19/11? As you clearly state that it should be. Again this is blatant disregard for a democratic meeting. Why is the Historic Preservation Commission making up their minutes as they go along? Why is the Historic Preservation Commission lying to the residents of Pasadena about what is being discussed and what is being presented at their meetings? Has anyone in the Historic Preservation Commission ever read Roberts Rules of Order?

These are not minor discrepancies. These are blatant lies and blatant disregard to follow democratic procedures.

Question #5: your answer "the proposed district was not initiated by the city..."

The petition that was passed around by the residents did not include 570 and 595.

For the record: After the Historic Preservation Commission received this petition knowing full well that 570 and 595 were not in the petition

the Historic Preservation Commission took it upon themselves to add 570 and 595 in the Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Pasadena.

Why is the Historic Preservation Commission taking it upon themselves to add residents homes to proposed districts without notifying said residents 570 and 595?

We live in a democracy. If we are to be included we have the right to be notified.

The Historic Preservation Commission has no right to add the homes of residents in a proposed district after clearly reviewing a

petition from residents that clearly did not include 570 and 595. 570 and 595 were not on the petition the Historic Preservation Commission clearly saw this

and still added 570 and 595 to the City of Pasadena Notice of Public Hearing including 570 and 595 to the proposed district.

This is illegal and undemocratic. This kind of unprofessional and unethical behavior takes place in terrorist nations not in the United States of America.

There are many more problems than the "initial posting" going on at the Historic Preservation Commission. This is very clear.

This is blatant illegal activity and undemocratic procedures being followed by the Historic Preservation Commission. I would appreciate answers to my questions above.

Please do not take another month and a half to provide me with answers to my simple questions.

Thanks

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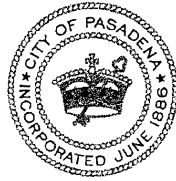


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**From:** Garzon, Julia  
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PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
PLANNING DIVISION

December 9, 2011

Mr. Jose Rodriguez  
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RE: "Incorrect Minutes for September 19, 2011"  
*Raymond-Esther Landmark District*

*Council District 7*

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

We are in receipt of your email sent October 27, 2011 and would like to address your specific concerns as follows:

1. *For the minutes of September 19, 2011 our comments at the end of the meeting do not appear. Why do our comments not appear? What is your standard procedure in regards to including comments from the public in your printed minutes?*
  - Staff Response: Minutes for Historic Preservation Commission meetings are limited to action minutes (i.e. motions made and the vote in favor or not in favor). A complete audio transcript is available on our website:  
[http://pasadena.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=20](http://pasadena.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=20).
2. *Attachment A is not included in the printed minutes that you provided us. How can we get a copy of Attachment A?*
  - Staff Response: Attachment A is the map that was part of the staff report posted on line. This map no longer includes the two properties that were not part of the original petition. Both versions have now been emailed to you as you requested.
3. *In the printed minutes under item 4C 3 there is an entry for "Aurora Wright – in favor." Aurora Wright never said she was in favor. She simply offered us help with information specific to the Mills Act etc. This item needs to be corrected.*
  - Aureore Wright discussed her experiences with historic resources. She said that it is hard work to restore but that there are so many benefits into owning a historic home i.e., the Mills Act. She encouraged opponents to talk further to Design & Historic Preservation staff and that she is also happy to share her stories with them. It was clear from her comments that Ms. Wright is supportive of designating resources in general.

4. *Item 4C. Application for a new landmark district. -- 1. Raymond/Esther landmark district. Staff Recommendation. This item should not be in the minutes for September 19, 2011 as it was removed from the Agenda. Item 4C in the minutes for September 19, 2011 was never discussed at this meeting. There was clearly no staff recommendations discussed for this proposed district at the September 19, 2011 meeting. This item was actually postponed at the beginning of the meeting on September 19, 2011. Item 4C includes 570 N Raymond Ave and 595 N Raymond Ave as included in this proposed district and this is incorrect. Item 4C in its entirety needs to be removed from the minutes for September 19, 2011. This item should have been included in the minutes for October 17, 2011 with address 570 N Raymond Ave and 595 N Raymond Ave removed from this proposed district.*

- *Staff Response: This item was not discussed by the Commission, but the Chair took public comment, and a motion was passed to continue the item (to a date uncertain) until further study could be conducted. It is standard procedure for all items on an agenda to appear in the minutes, even if the full Commission discussion did not occur. The meeting minutes for October 17th did clarify that both 570 and 595 N Raymond were removed from the proposed boundaries; the staff report for that meeting reflects that.*

5. *Why were the minutes for September 19, 2011 approved on October 17, 2011 and not earlier? In the City of Pasadena website [http://pasadena.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=20](http://pasadena.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=20) under Historic Preservation Commission, the minutes for September 19, 2011 do not appear, yet the minutes for October 3, 2011 and the minutes for October 17, 2011 do appear. Why is that? Why are the minutes for September 19, 2011 not posted online?*

- *Staff Response:*
  - *The meeting minutes for September 19th were approved on October 3<sup>rd</sup> but signed on October 17th. Commissioner Cozen, the Vice-Chair, had to sign them but left right after the meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Before the meeting started on October 17th, Staff Assistant, Julia Garzon, had Mr. Cozen sign them. She gave a copy to Ms. Maria Rodriguez along with a CD copy of the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was not online immediately because the database used, Granicus, had some technical difficulties. It is now on line.*
  - *The only meeting minutes posted online are minutes from City Council meetings. Historic Preservation Commission minutes and the rest of the Commissions in the City have never been posted. They are given to the public upon request.*

*The minutes for September 19, 2011 are incorrect. This leads us to believe that there is a secret agenda going on with the Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Pasadena Planning Department. Why are these blatant un-Democratic procedures continually being followed? Why are the minutes that should be online being withheld from the public? Why is item 4C on the printed minutes for September 19, 2011 when it was removed from the agenda for a later date and clearly never discussed on September 19, 2011?*

- *Staff Response: The minor discrepancies you mention are not evidence of a secret agenda. This proposed district was not initiated by the City of Pasadena, it came from residents in the area. Staff acknowledges that there were problems with the initial posting and that is why the item was not heard at the Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. After*

determining that we would revise the proposed boundaries and remove 570 and 595 N Raymond, the item was re-noticed for October 17<sup>th</sup>. Staff is also proposing changes to landmark district procedures that will help avoid this type of confusion in the future.

*Question for the Vice-Chair Darrel Cozen. Why did you approve the printed minutes for September 19, 2011 with the most obvious error -- Item 4C, which you yourself stated at the beginning of this meeting, would be postponed and would not be discussed and clearly was not discussed at the September 19, 2011 meeting?*

- Staff Response: see response to #5 above.

*We, the entire Pasadena community and the public at large are requesting answers to all of these questions.*

*We also request that the printed minutes for September 19, 2011 be corrected immediately and made available to the public.*

- Staff Response: As mentioned in the response to #5 above, minutes were made available upon request.

*We are also requesting that the minutes for September 19, 2011 be placed online immediately and made available to the public.*

- Staff Response: See above, Historic Preservation Commission minutes are not posted online but the audio tape is available online.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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