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The Elephant in the Room at Monrovia City Council

Tuesday's meeting of the Monrovia City Council once again had the council reviewing its policy on allowing older homes to be demolished. This time it was an appeal by the Monrovia Historic Preservation Group (MOHPG) of a decision by the Historic Preservation Commission that would not have given protective status to a pre-1940 house on North Encinitas.

In support of reversing

the Commission's decision, Gloria Crudgington pointed out that there were 65 homes in the 100 & 200 blocks of North Encinitas, with 33 being potentially historic, and that creating an historic district in the area might require that just over half of the homes be historic. She pointed out the home in question, if substantially changed or demolished might tip the balance against land marking the neighborhood.

She challenged the city council to safeguard the home by giving it preservation status saying, "Nobody wants to shoot the last elephant."

The council seems to agree, by consensus asking the homeowner to agree to the council delaying its decision until after the homeowners in the neighborhood to be approached regarding the creation of an historic district.