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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 2004
4:30 p.m.

Planning Department Large Conference Room
County Building, 4th Floor
Santa Cruz CA 95060

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Manning called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Fisher, Borg, Kennedy, Low, and Chair Manning.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Guiney

Members of the Public Present: Hugh Zike, Paul and Judith Parsons

2. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION

The agenda was approved as written.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the public may speak on items not on this agenda)

There were no public communications

5. CONSENT ITEMS

There were no consent items.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Historic Resource Preservation Plan application to remove an existing, deteriorated, 27 square foot porch and replace it with a 96 square foot porch, 2900 Main Street, Soquel. Staff presented a brief report. Commissioners and the architect discussed the slope of the porch roof and whether it would be shingled or hot mop. Given the lowered roof pitch recommended by staff and shown in the revised drawings, the roof would be not mop and not shingled and because of its low pitch, the surface of the roof would not be very visible from the front of the house. There was discussion about the porch railing not meeting current UBC standards, but that it could be allowed under the SHBC and that the Commission should make findings that the HRC supports the use of non-standard railing height under the SHBC. Commissioner Fisher moved approval with the following finding: that the use of the State Historic Building Code to deviate from the railing height on the proposed porch is appropriate, and with four conditions: 1) the fleur-de-lis carved bargeboard shall be retained along the façade where the porch is proposed, 2) The proposed new porch shall have a slight pitch, 3) the proposed new porch roof spindles may be of standard materials painted to match the color of the house, and 4) the proposed porch skirting and gutter material shall match the existing material. Commissioner Low seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

9. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Fisher discussed the status of the Live Oak inventory update. Discussion included total number of properties affected and prioritization of those that are most significant by the consultant and staff and a future informational meeting with owners of the priority properties.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Staff handed out two letters from the Santa Cruz County Preservation Trust. One of the letters was addressed to the County Redevelopment Agency encouraging RDA to include funding for historic preservation activities in Live Oak and Soquel. The other letter was addressed to the Department of Public Works requesting consideration of a sidewalk along the west side of Capitola Road Extension adjacent to the historic Holy Cross Cemetery.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manning adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

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