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Historic Resources Commission
701 Ocean Street, Room 418
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SUBJECT: Discussion of further investigation of priority properties for the Live Oak
Historic Resources Inventory Update

Commissioners:

As you are aware Circa, the consultant hired by the County to update the Live Oak Historic Resources Inventory, completed a reconnaissance survey of 50 previously unsurveyed properties in Live Oak in September.

Initial review and recommendation by Circa

Community members, through the Live Oak History Group, initially identified seventy-five (75) previously unsurveyed properties as potentially worthy of review. Four more were added in the field, for a total of 79 properties. Circa completed a Primary Record (DPR 523a form) for 50 of those properties. DPR 523a forms were not created for all 79 of the properties due to 1) budget constraints, and 2) there was not enough remaining integrity to warrant a preliminary evaluation, or 3) the property was not over fifty years of age. Of the 50 properties, Circa initially recommended a total of 41 be designated as historic resources with a rating of NR5 and that 9 be rated NR6.

Additional research needed

Circa's initial survey of the 50 properties was a reconnaissance survey, which is an investigative field survey of properties. As mentioned above, for each property Circa completed a DPR 523a form, which gives an overview of each property from which a preliminary evaluation may be developed. The preliminary evaluation and recommended rating of NR5 by Circa was based on physical evidence regarding the integrity of the structure on each property. Although some of the DPR 523a forms contain brief descriptions of events or persons associated with the properties, none of the properties were evaluated for potential

historic significance based on their association or linkages with important events or persons. That level of evaluation requires additional research and the completion of the DPR 523b form (the Building, Structure and Object record). Any recommendation that a property be designated as an historic resource must have a strong basis for that recommendation.

Priority Lists

Because of the large number of potentially historic properties, limited funds, and the need to ensure that those properties that go forward in the historic designation process are truly worthy of being designated as historic resources, staff requested that the consultant create a priority list of the properties. Independently of the consultant and each other, Commissioner Fisher and staff also created priority lists. Additionally, the Live Oak History Group created a priority list. The consultant's priority list included 15 properties, Commissioner Fisher's list included 14 properties, the Live Oak History Group's list included 22 properties, and staff's list included 13 properties. The lists were not entirely congruent. In December, staff, Commissioner Fisher, and the Live Oak history group met to compare and consolidate the priority lists. Attached as Exhibit A, the final priority list contains 24 properties.

Contract with Circa

The contract between the County and Circa will end on February 10, 2005. However, staff is recommending that your Commission direct Circa to complete the DPR 523b forms (the Building, Structure and Object record) for the priority properties even though the necessary additional research, the preparation and submittal of Circa's final report, and public hearings by your Commission and the Board of Supervisors cannot be completed by the expiration date of the current contract. Therefore, on February 1, 2005, we will ask the Board of Supervisors to extend the contract through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2005. It is most likely that the amount of funds remaining in the contract will not be sufficient to pay for Circa's additional work. Therefore, we will also request that the Board also augment the contract funding to pay for the additional work.

Conclusion and Recommendation

A list of 79 properties that might be significant to the history of Live Oak was developed through the efforts of community members and Circa, the County's historic consultant. That number was reduced to 50 by Circa for the reasons discussed above. Ranking the properties by priority further refined the list to 24 properties. Further research into the historic significance of those 23 properties is needed before any recommendation for designation as historic resources is made to the Board of Supervisors.

Therefore, it is RECOMMENDED that your Commission take the following actions:

1. Accept the priority list of 24 properties; and
2. Direct Circa to engage in further research into the historic significance of the 24 priority properties and complete DPR 523b forms for each property.

Sincerely,



Steven Guiney
Planner IV
Historic Resources Commission Staff

Exhibit:

A. Final Priority List

Exhibit A - Final Priority List

1/12/05

Oak Historic Inventory Update Final Priority List

	ADDRESS	APN	Circa Priority	Commissioner Fisher Priority	Staff Priority Staff Priority	LC/Historic Group Priority
1	3211 Roland Dr	032-011-27	X ⁱ	X	X	X
2	1940 Kinsley Street	029-182-04	X ⁱ	X	X	X
3	300 12 th Avenue	028-101-15	X ⁱ	X	X	X
4	761 26 th Avenue	028-421-02	X ⁱ	X	X	X
5	2930 Childers Lane	031-091-01	X ⁱ		X	X
6	845 Tower Place	028-041-45	X	X		X
7	1940B Kinsley Street	029-182-04		X	X	X
8	31 Rockview Dr	028-304-50	X	X	X	
9	1900 17 th Avenue	029-071-22	X	X		X
10	4250 Paul Sweet	102-111-05	X	X	X	
11	<i>1438 Capitola Rd*</i>	<i>026-193-41</i>	X			X
12	870-2 17 th Avenue	028-013-03			X	X
13	231 13 th Avenue	028-121-06	X ⁱ			X
14	401 Johans Beach Drive	028-161-02	X	X		
15	2-1610 E. Cliff Dr.	028-161-12	X		X	
16	2300 Portola Dr	028-441-03	X ⁱ		X	
17	2500 Paul Minnie Ave	026-041-26				X
18	<i>1975 Chanticleer Ave*</i>	<i>029-071-38</i>	X ⁱ		X	
19	1 Chaminade Lane	102-061-12		X		X
20	2606 Paul Minnie Ave	026-041-26		X		X
21	23905 East Cliff Dr.	032-181-08				X
22	300 7 th Avenue	027-103-11				X
23	2215 Soquel Drive	025-351-18				X
24	Spanish Rodeo Grounds	Unspecified. (Along Rodeo Creek between Hwy One and Coffee Lane Park)				X

ⁱ These are consultant's absolute minimum number of properties recommended for designation as NR5s; there are 8 of them.

* Properties shown in ***bold italics*** are owned by the County Redevelopment Agency.