



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 31 2015 at 10 a.m.
REGULAR MEETING

Planning Department Conference Room
701 Ocean St., 4th Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
Commissioners present: Phillips, Orlando, Jenkins, Swift and Merriam
Commissioners absent: None
Staff present: Annie Murphy, staff to the HRC
2. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION
No agenda modifications
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the April 6, 2015 regular meeting
MOTION/ SECOND: Merriam/ Jenkins
AYES: Phillips, Orlando, Jenkins, Merriam and Swift
NOTES: None
ABSENT: None
4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the public may speak on items **not** on this agenda)
No Public Communications
5. CONSENT ITEMS
No Consent items
6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
No public hearing items
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Discuss maintenance of designated historic resources, and maintenance requirements for properties that may have the potential to be designated as Historic Resources:

Staff reviewed County permits and standards for repair and maintenance of historic resources, and the role of code enforcement regarding dangerous properties. Staff noted that the County does not have a property maintenance ordinance requiring property owners to maintain their property in good condition. Buildings meeting the criteria for dangerous buildings may be ordered to be

repaired, secure from unauthorized entry, or demolish the building at the option of the building owner.

Staff noted that demolition permits are ministerial, so that we do not have the ability to review structures coming in for demolition, unless there is a discretionary permit required for the project.

HRC role:

Staff noted that the role of the HRC includes recommending new properties to be included in the Historic Resources Inventory. Staff also noted a General Plan policy stating that the Planning Department is to maintain and strengthen where appropriate the Historic Resources Preservation Program and Ordinance, with assistance from the HRC.

Ordinance amendments as possible tools:

Staff to consider and evaluate possible ordinance amendments to strengthen historic preservation, such as an ordinance addressing “demolition by neglect” of designated historic resources, or an ordinance requiring discretionary review of demolition permits for older structures that are not designated as historic resources but may have historic significance.

- B. Status of Felton Covered Bridge roof replacement
Staff reviewed status of the Felton Covered Bridge Replacement.
- C. Status of Redman House
Staff reviewed the status of the Redman House, noting documents from previous studies on the Redman House that could be revised for use in a new restoration plan, and possible sources of funding and support for restoration of the Redman House. Discussion by HRC to recommend that the property owners meet with Barbara Mason, HRC staff, and other organizations or individuals including the land Trust or Sandy Lydon, to discuss options and possible financial resources for restoring the Redman House.
- D. Recognition of historic Grateful Dead event in Soquel.
Staff noted that Supervisor Leopold is proposing a plaque and celebration to informally recognize the historic significance of the site located on Soquel Dr. near Rodeo Gulch, due to its association with the Grateful Dead and the first Electric Kool-Aid acid test.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discuss “watch list” of properties potentially eligible for listing on the Historic Resources Inventory.

Staff noted that the watch list will identify properties as potentially significant historically, so that when a discretionary project comes in proposing to alter the exterior of the structure we can ensure thorough review, and could require the completion of a historic survey. If determined to be historic by staff, Option to consider as a pending designation, or require that work be consistent with 16.42. Watch list also flags resource when funding becomes available in the future for surveys.

- B. Status update regarding Aptos Village

Staff provided an update on the Aptos Village project and the Apple Barn and compliance with the conditions of the Historic Preservation Plan, noting that the applicant has contracted with historic preservation architect Marvin Bamburg to ensure compliance with conditions, and is proposing to contract with Kelly Brothers to relocate the Apple Barn.

9. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATIONAL ITEM

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Story from John Hibble regarding the residence at 309 Rio Del Mar Blvd. in Aptos.

Request for Comments from the Department of Transportation regarding proposed Pasatiempo shoulder widening

Staff reviewed the proposal to add a wall and widen the shoulders on Highway 17, near the historic residences located on South Circle Drive in Pasatiempo. The Commission did not have any comments regarding the proposed project.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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