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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION AGENDA DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

9:30 A.M.

REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION: REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
Commissioners Present: Merriam, Orlando, Phillips, Swift, and Pearlman
Staff present: Annie Murphy, Staff to the HRC
Martin Heaney, Chief Building Official
Natisha Williams, Planner
Members of the public participating remotely
2. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION
MOTION TO MODIFY THE AGENDA TO MOVE THE DISCUSSION OF THE SEABREEZE TAVERN UP TO AGENDA ITEM 5a: Commissioner Orlando
SECOND: Commissioner Phillips
AYES: Merriam, Orlando, Phillips, Pearlman, and Swift
ABSENT: None
NOES: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the regular meeting of October 14, 2020
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: Commissioner Phillips
SECOND: Commissioner Orlando
AYES: Merriam, Orlando, Phillips, Swift and Pearlman
NOES: None
4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS
(Commissioner disclosure of oral and written communications and site visits related to applications appearing on this agenda)
No ex parte communications
5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the public may speak on items **not** on this agenda)
Members of the public spoke
- 5a. Update on the fire damage at the Seabreeze Tavern, a designated historic resource located at 101 Esplanade in Aptos (042-151-23)
Oral report provided by Annie Murphy
Building Official Marty Heaney answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission requested a report back on the next Agenda.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Review and consider approving the design for a historical installation honoring Robert Merriman for his heroism fighting fascism in the Spanish Civil War. The historic installation is required as a condition of approval for application #181579, for the properties located at 1412, 1438, 1500, and 1514 Capitola Road in Santa Cruz (APNs 026-741-12, -13, -14, and -15), where Robert Merriman lived during his teen years. The subject properties are not designated as historic resources. The project applicant is MidPen Housing.

Attachments:

Staff Report, including applicant submittals

MOTION: Approve the panels as submitted, subject to the following changes to be reviewed by the subcommittee to ensure the changes are implemented, with the subcommittee to report back to the Commission regarding implementation (Commissioner Merriam):

- 1. On Panel 1, state that Robert Merriman is the business manager of the yearbook.*
- 2. Eliminate the term "ranchette" wherever it appears and apply an appropriate term that was in use in the 1920s.*
- 3. On panel 1, change the year Robert Merriman moved to SC from 1922 to 1923.*
- 4. On panel 2, change caption of the bridge painting to "The California Powderworks Bridge at Paradise Park."*
- 5. On panel 2, second paragraph, change the word "scholarship" to "fellowship."*
- 6. On panel 1, add a date of 1925 to the caption under the photo of Robert Merriman.*

SECOND: Commissioner Swift

AYES: Merriam, Orlando, Phillips, Pearlman, and Swift

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Commission goals from 2020, and discuss goals for 2021

Attachment: Review of Goals for 2020

Commission reviewed goals and discussed reformatting and refocusing goals to focus on reasonable goals that can be accomplished, identify goals that have been accomplished, and consider ways to measure progress. Requested an update on the Redman House at the April meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Status update re: historically designated structures damaged or destroyed in the CZU Lightning Complex Fire.

Ms. Murphy provided an oral report.

- B. Report back regarding request to consider providing draft minutes to the Commission 10 days following the meeting date.

Ms. Murphy reported that County Counsel recommended that the minutes be provided with the materials for the following meeting.

9. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Commission discussion to consider including a new item on the agenda, "Agenda for the next meeting," to be discussed at the April meeting. For future meeting, consider adding house in Watsonville previously owned by Bruce Zobel to the Watch List.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Email correspondence from Becky Steinbruner

Email correspondence from Carol Childers

11. ADJOURNMENT

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APPEALS

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