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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

9:30 A.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Location of Meeting: 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Planning, Lrg Conf. Room

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Pearlman called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Commissioners Absent/Excused: Phillips (District 5), Orlando (Dist. 3)

Commissioners Present: Pearlman (Dist. 4), Newhouse (Dist. 2), Burton (Dist. 1)

Staff present: Matthew Sundt and Fernanda Dias Pini (staff to the HRC)

Guest: Becky Steinbruner

2. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION

MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Newhouse

SECOND: Commissioner Burton

AYES: Pearlman, Burton, Newhouse

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the regular meeting of December 11, 2023

Attachment: Amended minutes from December 11, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE with correction to items 8B/9B of December 11 minutes: Burton

SECOND: Newhouse

AYES: Pearlman, Burton, Newhouse

Attachment: Revised minutes of December 11, 2023

4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

(Commissioner disclosure of oral and written communications and site visits related to applications appearing on this agenda): Commissioner Pearlman introduced email correspondence from Becky Steinbruner re: Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the Rice and Arana properties.

Attachment: Becky Steinbruner correspondence – April 2, 2024

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

Presentation by Becky Steinbruner regarding, (1) the need for the HRC to have four

meetings per year instead of the recently adopted three meetings per year, (2) implementing the Mills Act, and (3) implementing the demolition by neglect ordinance.

6. CONSENT ITEMS: No consent items

7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: No public hearing items

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion made by Commissioner Newhouse (Dist. 2) and second by Burton (Dist. 1) to accept Pearlman (Dist. 4) as HRC Chair and Phillips (Dist. 5) as Vice-Chair

MOTION TO APPROVE: Burton

SECOND: Newhouse

AYES: Pearlman, Burton, Newhouse

B. Report on biennial BOS report and annual CLG report by Matthew Sundt. Becky Steinbruner addresses BOS and CLG reports

C. Budget clarifications: \$600 in the account and \$2,000 to be requested by Community Development and Infrastructure Department (CDI) for 2024/25 budget

D. Alba School House – Chair Pearlman reports that the school will not be reconstructed. Continued to July 8 meeting

E. Museum of Art and History Blue Plaques – presentation by B. Pearlman (Dist. 4) re plaques for well-maintained structures >50 years. Locations of historic Surf Shops receiving plaques this year. First Award ceremony since 2019.

F. HRC staff liaison Matthew Sundt contacted relevant City of Santa Cruz staff about future training opportunities related to local history/historic preservation.

G. Presentation by B. Pearlman regarding the Porter Ranch tour on April 20

H. Presentation by HRC staff liaison Sundt regarding the DPR Form 523 analysis related to 106 Beachgate Way in Aptos that is to be demolished.

I. Added to Agenda: B. Pearlman discusses the RTC and the Rice and Arana historic structures and references the April 2 email from B. Steinbruner regarding same. Commissioner Pearlman proposes that an Ad Hoc committee be formed by K.

Newhouse and E. Burton to address RTC's determination that properties are not historic.

MOTION TO APPROVE: E. Burton

SECOND: K. Newhouse

AYES: Pearlman, Burton, Newhouse

[adjourned meeting to look at the solar eclipse from 11:10 to 11:25]

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve annual HRC meeting schedule: April 8, July 8 and October 7. Discussion included input by Becky Steinbruner regarding having a January or February meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2024 schedule: K. Newhouse

SECOND: E. Burton

AYES: Pearlman, Burton, Newhouse

B. Seacliff cottages: Becky Steinbruner recommends that the HRC reach out to property owners to determine what they would like as incentive to preserve their buildings.

C. Redman House: Chair Pearlman reported meeting with Suzy Merriam, Watsonville Community Development Director, to discuss Redman House. Merriam indicated the owners of Redman House want to tear it down but feared they would not be permitted to do so as it's on the registry Nationally, as well as locally. Following Chair Pearlman presentation, member of the public Becky Steinbruner brought up the Hirahara barn adjacent to the Redman House and the possibility of salvaging the wood. It was noted

by Chair Pearlman that salvaging the wood was not practical. HRC to defer further conversation until Chair Pearlman meets with Ramon Gomez, Felipe Hernandez's analyst.

- D. Report on banner: Chair Pearlman describes the banner and stated that a tablecloth would need to be obtained.
 - E. History Fair (noon to 4pm) at Santa Cruz Mission. May 18. To be staffed by Lynda, Lucia and at least one other. Chair Pearlman to prepare a half-page hand-out for event. Emily Burton responsible for 'Theme' and Operations of booth, working with Barry.
 - F. HRC staff liaison Matthew Sundt explains that the demolition and demolition by neglect ordinance will be completed ASAP and temporarily set aside and introduced to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors at a later date.
 - G. Review HRC goals: Continued to July 8 meeting
10. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Chair Pearlman discusses site visits by Commissioners. Each Commissioner would look at four structures prior to next meeting – HRC staff liaison will need to provide form for this exercise. When forms are completed by Commissioners and collected by the HRC staff liaison, the HRC staff liaison will present to the Planning Commission and the BOS.
11. HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION STAFF UPDATE - NA
12. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - NA
13. REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - NA
14. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION TO APPROVE: Newhouse
SECOND: Burton
AYES: Pearlman, Newhouse, Burton

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