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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

9:30 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING

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

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Orlando calls the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioners Absent/Excused: Newhouse (Dist. 2)

Commissioners Present: Lynda Phillips (District 5), Lucia Orlando (Dist. 3), Barry Pearlman (Dist. 4), Jim Evans (Dist. 1)

Staff present: Mark Connolly (Policy Section Supervisor), Matthew Sundt (Staff liaison), Riley Rhodes (PLNG Tech)

Guest: Becky Steinbruner

2. APPROVE AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION

MOTION TO AMEND: Commissioner Phillips requested that henceforth Item 9A ("Old Business") be renamed "Continuing Business" to better reflect what occurs.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES: Commissioner Pearlman

SECOND: Commissioner Phillips

AYES: Unanimous approval

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from the regular meeting of June 9, 2025, as amended to include reference under Item 9D (Old Business) that Becky Steinbruner did comment on the Redman – Hirahara House.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Phillips

SECOND: Commissioner Evans

AYES: Unanimous approval

4. DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

(Commissioner disclosure of oral and written communications and site visits related to applications appearing on this agenda): None to report.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the public may speak on items **not** on this agenda and not to exceed three minutes): Becky Steinbruner requests that the HRC

follow through with the Cat and Cloud signage restoration and would like a copy of the letter on the subject that was sent to the property owner; requests that the HRC contact the owner of the Hihn Apple Barn regarding peeling paint. Ms. Steinbruner addresses the boarding up of the Arano House, presents on Bayview Hotel and reiterates her concern related to Redman – Hirahara House barns that were removed.

6. CONSENT ITEMS
No consent items
7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS
No public hearing items
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Staff presented the new HRC bylaws.
MOTION TO APPROVE and REQUEST STAFF TO FORWARD TO BOS:
Commissioner Pearlman
SECOND: Commissioner Phillips
AYES: Unanimous approval
 - B. Staff presented the Historic Context Statement.
MOTION TO APPROVE and REQUEST STAFF TO FORWARD TO BOS:
Commissioner Phillips
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
AYES: Unanimous approval
9. OLD BUSINESS
None to discuss
10. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS/ INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
None to discuss
11. HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION STAFF UPDATE
 - A. Demolition by Neglect Ordinance pending February 9, 2026
12. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
None to discuss
13. REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
 - A. *Another Cat and Cloud letter to be sent and copy to Becky Steinbruner*
 - B. Hihn Apple Barn – send letter regarding peeling paint
14. ADJOURNMENT @ 11:15 pm
MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Phillips
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
AYES: Unanimous approval

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