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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION **DRAFT** MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2006
4:30 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING

Board of Supervisor's Chambers
County Building, 5th Floor
Santa Cruz CA 95060

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Manning called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Fisher, Kennedy, and Manning.

Commissioners Absent: Borg (excused)

Staff Present: Guiney

Members of the Public Present: Mark Dettle, Margret Hosier, Joel Harrison, Barbara Harrison, Norman Poitevin, Howard and Annette Watts, Calvin Spafford, Pat and Geri Davidson, Anthony Kirk, Charles Eadie, Michael Bethke, Bakul Panchar, Dana Clarke, Elizabeth Schilling, Betsey Lynberg, Stephanie Barns-Castro, Roderick Johnson, Karen Rovai, Sally Blair, DeEtta Spurgeon, Forrest Balding, Anthony Silveira, Cathy Newkirk, Jeanne Soderman.

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION**

Approved as presented.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

4. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

No one spoke on an item not on the agenda

5. **CONSENT**

- A. Proposal to replace an existing 5 x 4 window with a 3 x 6 French door and erect a sign for a proposed bed and breakfast at **1258** San Andreas Road, La Selva Beach.
Fisher moved approval of the consent item, Kennedy seconded; motion passed 3-0.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Public hearing to consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding designation of certain properties in Live Oak as historic resources.

The Commission considered the recommendations of the County's consultant, CIRCA, and the staff recommendation.

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	Address	APN	Historic Resources Commission Recommendation
1	2223 Soquel Drive*	025-351-12	NR5
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Anthony Silveira</u> , the owner, stated his opposition to designation. He has kept the house maintained and cute, but he doesn't want the designation. <u>Norman Poitevin</u> said the house was unique and spoke in favor of designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> agreed that the house is unique and a good example of its architectural style that is fast disappearing and should be preserved. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> explained the criteria for designation and agreed with Commissioner Kennedy. <u>Commissioner Kennedy moved to recommend designation as a historic resource at NR5.</u> <u>Commissioner Fisher seconded.</u> <u>The motion passed 3-0.</u>		
2	2950 Soquel Drive*	026-031-13	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. The owner spoke describing many changes to the house. <u>Cathy Newkirk</u> addressed the Commission about the historic process generally. <u>Jeanne Soderman</u> addressed the Commission stating that she felt the designation process was outrageous, that she was concerned about takings, and federal government involvement in this. <u>Commissioner Fisher moved to have the house remain as NR6.</u> <u>Commissioner Kennedy seconded.</u> <u>The motion passes 3-0.</u>		
3	2606 Paul Minnie	026-041-17	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6. Staff reported that the County's consultant felt this and the other two Paul Minnie properties should be evaluated in the future as a historic district. <u>Elizabeth Schilling</u> stated she believes all three should be designated as historic resources. Sally Blair, one of the owners of 2500 Paul Minnie, stated that her family is in the process of selling the house on that site, but the buyer backed out because of potential historic designation and that the house is not structurally sound and don't want designated as historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy moved to recommend not designating as a historic resource and give a rating of NR6.</u> <u>Commissioner Fisher seconded.</u> <u>The motion passed 3-0.</u>		
4	2500 Paul Minnie	026-041-26	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6. <u>Commissioner Fisher moved to recommend not designating as a historic resource and give a rating of NR6.</u> <u>Commissioner Kennedy seconded.</u> <u>The motion passed 3-0.</u>		
5	2501 Paul Minnie*	026-042-10	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy moved to recommend not designating as a historic resource and give a rating of NR6.</u> <u>Commissioner Fisher seconded.</u> <u>The motion passed 3-0.</u>		
6	2901 17th Avenue*	026-122-36	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation reminding the Commission that in 2003 the Commission considered and accepted a report by Anthony Kirk, Ph.D., demonstrating that the church has no historic significance, so no action is required. <u>Michael Bethke</u> submitted a copy of updated DPR forms and stated that the church will be demolished as already approved by the Commission, so why should it even be kept as an NR6? Staff responded that that way there will be a record of what had been on the site.		
7	1345 Capitola Road*	026-143-25	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Fisher moved to have the house remain as NR6.</u> <u>Commissioner Kennedy seconded.</u> <u>The motion passes 3-0.</u>		

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8	1615 El Dorado	026-181-23	NR5
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5 . <u>Elizabeth Schilling</u> supported the historic designation with a rating of NR5, citing the house's integrity and the prominence of the builder. <u>Cathy Newkirk</u> stated her opposition to designation of properties as historic, stating that if an owner keeps the property in good shape, they are penalized by being designated historic and private property rights are taken away. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> stated that the house is a good example of its architectural style and was built by James Morrissey, an important person in the community, and moves to recommend designation as a historic resource at NR5. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
9	1438 Capitola Road	026-193-41	Continued
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6 . Two reasons for this: First, Robert Memman, who was prominent in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, did not live at the house around the time he became involved with that group. He lived in the house as a child only and had not particular connection to the house later in life. Second, the architecture is not great. <u>Norman Poitevin</u> stated his belief that the connection with Merriman is sufficient to warrant the house being designated as a historic resource. Betsey <u>Lynberg</u> , Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Administrator, agreed with the staff recommendation. RDA owns the property and it is slated for commercial development. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> stated that the house should be designated as a historic resource because it is a good example of chicken ranch house. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> stated that the connection to a historic figure is obscure and irrelevant and that the house is not a great example of its style. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> moved recommendation to designate at NR5. There was no second. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved recommendation to not designate, but rate NR6. There was no second. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to continue to October. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion to continue passed 3-0.		
10	1500 Capitola Road*	026-193-42	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource because the house is not a good example of its style, it has had changes, and the area is developing commercially. Betsey <u>Lynberg</u> , RDA Administrator, states that RDA owns the site, features have changed and the site will be used for commercial purposes. <u>Cathy Newkirk</u> asks if NR5, can it be torn down? Staff replied that that would require approval by the Board of Supervisors. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> asked if there was an important person associated with the house. Staff answered no. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to retain as NR6. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
11	1175 7th Avenue*	026-211-19	No recommendation
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> thought that this house was a good example of the Craftsman style. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to retain as NR6. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion failed on a 2-1 vote (3 votes needed to pass a motion). Staff mentioned that the Commission could send any of the properties to the Board without a recommendation. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> moved to send to the Board without a recommendation. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
12	1401 El Dorado	026-241-01	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6. <u>Patrick Davidson</u> , owner, said the house is not inhabited and he can't afford to upgrade it and that there is no good evidence that the house was built by Dr. Doane. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to not recommend designation of the house as a historic resource, but to give it a rating of NR6. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
13	1526 7th Avenue*	026-321-28	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Mark Dettle</u> , representing the owner, his grandmother, described family illnesses, disrepair of property, preference to remain NR6. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> felt there was not compelling reason to be designated as historic and moved to retain as NR6. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		

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14	1575 7th Avenue	026-501-02	NR5
	<p>Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Stephanie Barnes-Castro</u>, architect, addressed the Commission regarding previous consultations with Development Review staff, before the owner knew the house was being considered for possible designation as a historic resource, about a possible minor land division on this site. Development Review staff advised the owner that it would not be feasible to incorporate the existing house into the land division as proposed. One alternative mentioned was to demolish the house, but because the house was more than 50 years old, Development Review staff advised the owner of the need for an evaluation of the house to determine any historic significance. The owner then contacted Anthony Kirk, Ph.D., a professional historian, to prepare an evaluation. Dr. Kirk's evaluation concluded that the property did not meet any of the criteria for designation as a historic resource. <u>Anthony Kirk, Ph.D.</u>, discussed the designation criteria and stated that the property did not meet any of the criteria. <u>Stephanie Barnes-Castro</u> addressed the Commission again describing her review of the house's structural elements and that the foundation was not in good structural condition. <u>Elizabeth Schilling</u> disagreed with the interpretation Dr. Kirk made of the historical significance of the house and stated that the house is a typical working class house. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> stated that she believes that the house is significant, that the additions are historic in their own right, and that the house is important to the chicken ranch history even if it is not a great example of the craftsman style. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> stated that the addition of Craftsman additions of the 1920s are significant and not a reason to not designate it as historic, but wishes the County's consultant was here to address this. <u>Commissioner Fisher moved to recommend that the house be designated as a historic resource at NR5. Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.</u></p>		
15	363 7th Avenue*	027-102-03	NR5
	<p>Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Norman Poitevin</u> stated that the house was the first library in Live Oak and should be designated historic. <u>Commissioner Fisher noted that the building is in good repair and is a good example of the building from the Twin Lakes church camp and moved NR5. Commissioner Kennedy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.</u></p>		
16	300 7th Avenue	027-103-11	NR5
	<p>Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6 due to its being moved and having many changes. <u>Commissioner Kennedy felt the building is important for the Japanese cultural connection and moved to recommend designation as a historic resource. Commissioner Fisher seconded. The motion passes 3-0.</u></p>		
17	330 9th Avenue*	027-112-13	NR5
	<p>Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Norman Poitevin</u> stated that this house is three buildings joined together. One is a 1906 earthquake shack built to house those left homeless by the San Francisco earthquake and fire and the other two are buildings from the Twin Lakes Baptist Church camp. <u>Commissioner Fisher agreed that these were historically significant buildings and moved to recommend designation as a historic resource. Commissioner Kennedy seconded. The motion passed 3-0</u></p>		
18	200 7th Avenue*	027-142-02	NR6
	<p>Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the building not be designated as a historic resource, but retain the existing rating of NR6 because of extensive remodeling. <u>Commissioner Fisher moved to retain NR6. Commissioner Kennedy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.</u></p>		
19	246 8th Avenue*	027-143-24	Continued
	<p>Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5 because it still retains its historic and architectural integrity in spite of remodels.. Dana Clarke, owner, asks if nay commissioners own or have owned a historically designated house or experienced the designation process. He has kept the house up, but designation will have an adverse economic impact. Commissioners making judgments on things they have not experienced. Mentions various ways that house doesn't meet current codes, but that he will keep it in good shape. Requests it stay NR6. <u>Commissioner Kennedy speaks about surveys that show value of property is enhanced by designation and that she has talked to local realtors who also say it enhances value. Commissioner Kennedy moves continuance so that consultant can address issues. Commissioner Fisher seconds. Motion passes 3-0.</u></p>		

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20	235 9th Avenue*	027-143-33	Continued
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> states that report says only that the house <u>may be</u> one of the Twin Lakes Baptist Church cabins, sees no compelling reason to designate as historic and moved to continue for more input from consultant. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
21	255 9th Avenue*	027-143-35	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to retain as NR6. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
22	240 9th Avenue*	027-151-11	No recommendation
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Barbara Harrison</u> , owner, states neighborhood has many senior citizens like her parents who live in house and need to make entrance accessible. She stated that they can't afford to return the house to like it was originally and that historic designation doesn't understand that the house needs to change and that they would have to replace materials with original material if there was a disaster. Concerned about privacy and people coming to house and wanting to see insides if designated historic. <u>Joel Harrison</u> , owner, states that house is in worse condition now than when originally surveyed in 1986. Wants any designation delayed due to aged parents living in house. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> explained what can and can't be done if it is designated as historic and that nothing would be required to make house look like it did originally. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to send to the Board with no recommendation. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
23	2930 Childers Lane	031-091-01	NR5
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Rod Johnson</u> , owner, supports the recommended historic designation. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> stated that she took a tour of Live Oak houses and this one is exquisite. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> agreed. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> moved to recommend designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> seconded. Motion passed 3-0.		
24	631 26th Avenue	028-421-02	NR5
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the buildings at the 7 th Day Adventist Camp be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5. <u>Gary Ridgway</u> , camp director expressed concern about having to use expensive matching material if existing materials need replacement. Prefers not to have buildings designated as historic so they can upgrade as necessary without undue expense. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> addressed the issue of replacement material and that the Commission would consider economic impact of requiring in-kind materials. She also stated that religious camps like this are important historical elements in the County.		
25	992 17th Avenue*	028-013-01	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the buildings remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Howard Watts</u> , half-owner of property, discusses buildings: one burned one is old wood shed, Quonset huts are everywhere and not historical. <u>Annette Watts</u> , one-half owner of property, says was not aware of review that took place in 1986. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> agrees with the staff recommendation: the buildings are a mishmash and are not viable as historic buildings and no reason to single out this particular Quonset hut and moved to recommend that the buildings on this site and the adjacent 970 17 th Avenue owned by the same parties not be designated as historic resources. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0		
26	970 17th Avenue	028-013-03	NR6
	See 992 17 th Avenue. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> agrees with the staff recommendation: the buildings are a mishmash and are not viable as historic buildings and no reason to single out this particular Quonset hut and moved to recommend that the buildings on this site and the adjacent 970 17 th Avenue owned by the same parties not be designated as historic resources. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0		

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27	31 Rockview	028-304-50	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5 due to its unique architectural style. <u>Cathy Newkirk</u> , owner, said that the house looks different now than it does in the photos taken in 2004: house has been repainted and fence has fallen down. There have been many changes. She agreed that it is a cute house, but she didn't want the historic designation. She stated that she felt it would be like dealing with "big brother" if it was designated and she wanted to make any changes. She stated that she was advised by lawyers and realtors now to let it be designated. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> stated that she didn't think the house had any particular historical significance and should not be designated and she moved to not recommend designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
28	2-3905 East Cliff	032-181-08	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6 . <u>Charlie Eadie</u> , representing the owners, stated that he supports the staff recommendation that the house does not meet the criteria for designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to not recommend designation. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
29	135 8th Avenue*	027-171-25	NR6
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the house remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource due to extensive remodeling. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved to not recommend designation. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
30	1940 & 1940B Kinsley	029-182-04	NR5 HOUSES; NR6 BARN
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the two houses be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5 , but that the hatchery building/barn not be designated a historic resource and that the owner had called and after discussion was agreeable to that. <u>Craig Lawrie</u> , representing the owner confirmed that the owner had no objection to designating the two houses, but that the hatchery building/barn had been modified and was not worthy of historic designation. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> noted that the description of the hatchery building/barn should be clearer. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> moved to recommend that the two houses be designated, but that the hatchery building/barn not be designated as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
31	1901 17th Avenue	029-071-08	NR5
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the Live Oak Grange building be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5 . <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> moved that the Grange building be recommended for designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> seconded. The motion passed 3-0.		
32	Maciel Avenue	029-111-47 (old) 029-401-01 through 13	NR6
	Staff informed the Commission that the nursery shed buildings on this property, part of the old Antonelli Begonia Gardens, burned to the ground a few years ago and that the Commission need not take any action.		
33	Mexican Rodeo Grounds: south side Soquel Avenue partly in road right-of-way between Mattison Lane and South Rodeo Gulch, extending south for approximately 250 feet on either side of Rodeo Gulch Creek.	029-031-14, 031-011-31	Continued
	Staff made a brief presentation recommending that the Rodeo Grounds not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6 , due to the vagueness of the mapping and location description.. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> stated that she thought the site should be recommended for historic designation now. <u>Norman Poitevin</u> stated that the map we have of the site are by nature vague and that he thinks that most of the site is under the freeway fill and just to the south of the freeway. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> stated she thought it should be recommended not to be designated at this time. <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> moved to recommend designation as a historic resource. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> couldn't support, no second, <u>Commissioner Fisher</u> moved to continue to October. <u>Commissioner Kennedy</u> seconded. The motion to continue passed 3-0.		

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At this point, Chair Manning asked if there was anyone left who wanted to speak on any of the remaining properties. Seeing none, she brought the matter back to the Commission. Commissioner Fisher moved to recommend the following properties to the Board of Supervisors as recommended by staff: Commissioner Kennedy seconded. The motion passed 3-0

34	845 Tower Place	028-041-45	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
35	300 12th Avenue	028-101-15	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
36	234 13th Avenue	028-142-31	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
37	401 Johans Beach	028-161-02	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the motel be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
38	2-1610 East Cliff	028-161-12	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the motel be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
39	123 19th Avenue*	028-222-03	NR6
	Staff recommendation was that the chapel remain NR6 and not be recommended for designation as a historic resource.		
40	2300 Portola Drive	028-441-03	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the radio station building be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
41	2415 Chanticleer*	029-013-51	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
42	2155 Chanticleer	029-041-30	NR6
	Staff recommendation was that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6.		
43	1975 Chanticleer	029-071-38	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
44	3211 Roland Drive	032-011-27	NR5
	Staff recommendation was that the house be recommended for designation as a historic resource with a rating of NR5.		
45	1 Chaminade Lane	102-061-12	NR6
	Staff recommendation was that the Chaminade buildings not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6.		
46	4260 Paul Sweet	102-111-05	NR6
	Staff recommendation was that the house not be designated as a historic resource, but be given a rating of NR6.		
* Properties that are currently rated NR6, i.e., they were evaluated in the past, but not designated as historic at that time.			

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Letter of support for Redman House
Staff reported to the Commission the request of the Redman House Foundation for a letter of support for them to use in their efforts to secure grants and other funds for rehabilitation of the Redman House and grounds. *Commissioner Fisher moved to direct staff to write such a letter. Commissioner Kennedy seconded. The motion passed 3-0.*
- B. National Register nomination of Grace Episcopal Church/Boulder Creek First Church of Christ Scientist building (currently San Lorenzo Valley Museum).
Staff reported to the Commission on the proposal to support this nomination and that the Board of Supervisors would consider this at their October 17 meeting.

0. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

There were no commissioner presentations.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no written communications

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manning adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Thursday, March 8, 2007
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REGULAR MEETING

Planning Department Small Conference Room
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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Chair Manning called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Borg, Fisher, and Manning.

Commissioners Absent: Kennedy

Staff Present: Hill, Guiney, Bussey

Members of the Public Present: C. Swift

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION**

There were no agenda modifications.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved as written: minutes for the October 2006 and January 2007 meeting. The approval was unanimous.

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

No one spoke on an item not on the agenda

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

There were no consent items.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

There were no public hearing items.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Chairperson

This was deferred for a full Commission.

Presentation by Lisa Robinson

This was deferred so that Commissioner Kennedy could be present

Discussion of the Public Hearing Process

A brief presentation was made by staff suggesting ways to conduct a public hearing and make the Commission's meeting time more efficient.

Commissioner Manning suggested that this be discussed further in the future.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Live Oak Inventory Update

Staff gave a status report on the Live Oak Inventory Update.

Commissioner Manning had a question on the Hosier House (1575 7th Ave). Staff reported that the BoS has taken action on that site and that it has been placed in the NR6 category.

Commissioner Manning and Fisher recognized C. Swift who gave a brief presentation on the "Pleasure Point Roadhouse". **Ms.** Swift indicated that the site is of historic value and that she is preparing a write up for the BoS to consider. Her research found that it was a home and not roadhouse or bordello. She notes that errors exist in the report that the HRC considered.

Commissioner Manning noted that the hearing process was very long and at times confrontational, and the HRC had not considered this new information mentioned by Ms. Swift.

Commissioner Fisher asked if the information being prepared on the road house was being forwarded to the BoS and staff. Mr. Guiney indicated he had not received anything from Ms. Swift, but had received a structural and pest report from the owners. Ms. Swift encouraged the Commissioners to testify at the BoS hearing and encourage the BoS to place the site in the inventory. Mr. Guiney informed the Commission that they had taken action on that site (THE HRC recommended that the site not be placed in the inventory.) and that if they went to the BoS, they should do so as a citizen only.

Commissioner Manning had a question on the KSCO property. Staff informed her that the BoS has taken action on that site and have placed it in the NR5 Category.

A discussion requested by staff regarding additional incentives for being designated historic was held. The Commission had the following comments.

Commissioner Fisher suggested the adoption/ establishment of the Mills Act. She also suggested a review of the nonconforming use and structure regulations and the way height is calculated for historic structures.

Commissioner Manning suggested the priority processing of all building permits involving historic sites... She also encouraged a reduction in the fees for building permits and development permits for historic structures.

Historic Incentives Ord. Update

Staff informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors have approved the ordinance with the minor changes requested by the Coastal Commission on 02/13/07 and forwarded that ordinance to the CCC for certification. No hearing date has been set for the CCC, however it is anticipated to be processed soon.

AB1234

Staff reminded the Commission that they are subject to the requirements of AB1234 and because of that fact, are required to take ethics training. The commissioners were provided with a link to the Fair Political Practices Commission for information. Staff requested that copies of the certification of completion be provided to them.

9. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Borg commented on the **PBS** program History Detectives. She also inquired about the future review of the historic resources in the Pajaro Valley, Salsipuedes and Eureka Planning area. She inquired if the Palmtag house off of Sand Dollar Road was on the inventory.

Commissioner Fisher commented on the historic Hollins House and that neighbors had contacted her.

Commissioner Manning stated she would not be at the April meeting. She asked staff to look into the development at 8055 and 8057 Valencia Street in Aptos. She stated that she had heard that the historic building was offered for sale if it were moved off the site. She also mentioned that the Seabreeze bldg. in Rio Del Mar had been painted and asked to staff to let her know if any permit had been applied for.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Staff informed the commission of the APPROVAL of a replacement fence/ new fence requested by Spence at 687 36" Ave, Santa Cruz; APN 032-073-01. The site has a NR 5 Rating.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

No written communications.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Manning adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.