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FINAL MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date & Time: **Wednesday, December 21, 2011 – 4:00 P.M.**

Location: **CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 300 FOREST AVENUE**

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll call

Members present: Lydia Collins, Steve Covell, David Hines, Ken Hinshaw (Chair), Maureen Mason (Vice-Chair), Jim McCord, Claudia Sawyer (Secretary)

3. Approval of HRC Minutes

a. November 9, 2011 HRC Site Review Meeting

b. November 9, 2011 HRC Regular Meeting

Recommended Action: Approve minutes as presented.

On a motion by Sawyer, seconded by Hinshaw, the Historic Resources Committee voted 6-0-1, with Committee Member Collins abstaining, to approve the minutes.

4. Public Comments

a. Written Correspondence

None

b. Oral Communications

None

5. Items to be Continued or Withdrawn

None

6. Regular Agenda

a. Initial Historic Screening Request: 959 Egan Avenue

Description: Review the available information and consider whether to make a “Preliminary Determination of Ineligibility” for the above referenced address.

Applicant: Steve Labrucherie, on behalf of Marlene Stearns, Owner

CEQA status: Not a project under CEQA

Staff reference: Lynn Burgess, AICP, Chief Planner

Recommended action: Discuss and take appropriate action.

On a motion by McCord, seconded by Collins, the Historic Resources Committee voted 7-0 to forward a recommendation to the Chief Planner that a determination of ineligibility cannot be made.

b. Initial Historic Screening Request: 1222 Lawton Avenue

Description: Review the available information and consider whether to make a “Preliminary Determination of Ineligibility” for the above referenced address.

Applicant: Joseph Rock, on behalf of Ann Schrader, Owner

CEQA status: Not a project under CEQA

Staff reference: Lynn Burgess, AICP, Chief Planner

Recommended action: Discuss and take appropriate action.

On a motion by Hinshaw, seconded by McCord, the Historic Resources Committee voted 7-0 to forward a recommendation to the Chief Planner that this property be determined to be ineligible as an historic resource.

c. Historic Determination: 511 13th Street

Description: Determine if this property no longer meets the eligibility criteria for inclusion on the City’s Historic Resources Inventory and should be deleted.

Applicant: Richard Steres, on behalf of Priscilla Franklin, Owner

CEQA status: Negative Declaration

Staff reference: Ashley Hefner, Acting Senior Planner

Recommended action: Hold a public hearing; adopt the Negative Declaration; and approve the deletion of this property from the HRI, based on staff-recommended findings.

Lynn Burgess reported that there were no public comments received on the Negative Declaration for this project. Chair Hinshaw opened the public hearing and the following people testified:

- Rick Steres, Architect, and Owner representative – explained the extent of exterior modification that has occurred over time, rendering the home non-historic due to a lack of integrity.
- Doug McCall, neighbor – supports deletion from HRI.
- Marlyn Andreas, neighbor – supports deletion from HRI.

The HRC discussed the facts of the case and the public testimony and agreed that, due to the number and location of additions built over time and the inconsistent design and poor quality of those additions, the historic integrity of the house has been undermined and no longer meets the City’s historic evaluation criteria.

On a motion by Sawyer, seconded by Hines, the Historic Resources Committee voted 7-0 to adopt the Negative Declaration, and to approve the deletion of this property from the HRI, based on the staff-recommended findings in the Agenda Report.

d. Discussion: 2011 Annual Report

Description: Pursuant to the City's Board and Commission Standard Protocols, identify matters of interest and suggestions for improvements to include in the 2011 Annual Report to the City Council, designed to assist the Council and to improve the effectiveness of the Historic Resources Committee in future years.

CEQA Status: Not a "project" under CEQA

Staff Reference: Lynn Burgess, AICP, Chief Planner

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff on matters to include in 2011 Annual Report.

The HRC discussed topics to include in their Annual Report, including clean-up of the HRI, development of an efficient way to identify prospective deletions and to process those deletions from the HRI, development of a new HRI format with individual property information, support for continuation of the City Council liaison, and support for City pursuit of CLG status. The HRC requested that Committee Member Sawyer, Secretary, prepare the draft Annual Report, review it with Chair Hinshaw and Committee Member McCord, then submit it to staff to forward on to the City Council.

e. Discussion: Review of Approved Pacific Grove Historic Context Statement and Preservation Program Considerations

Description: Staff will distribute copies of approved Historic Context Statement and Preservation Program Considerations at the meeting. Committee Member McCord will lead a discussion on the contents of the documents over the coming HRC meetings.

CEQA Status: Not a "project" under CEQA

Staff Reference: Lynn Burgess, AICP, Chief Planner

Recommended Action: Review and discuss contents of documents.

Lynn Burgess handed out copies of the approved Historic Context Statement (HCS) and accompanying Preservation Program Considerations to the HRC members. The HRC requested that these documents be placed on the next agenda, and Committee Member McCord offered to lead a discussion of their content.

7. Reports of HRC Members

Committee Member Hines requested that staff notify the HRC of any City demolition orders for historic buildings on the HRI.

8. Reports from Council Liaison

None

9. Reports from Staff

Lynn Burgess gave an update on the construction project at 218 Park Street and answered questions from HRC members. Committee Member Sawyer offered to clarify the HRC's outstanding questions pertaining to CEQA triggers, so that staff can respond to those questions at the next meeting. Ms. Burgess identified the four HRC members whose terms end in February 2012.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Claudia Sawyer
Claudia Sawyer, Secretary

Jan. 11, 2012
Date