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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010 – 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 4:02 p.m.

**2. Roll call**

Committee members present:

- Ken Hinshaw (Chair)
- Jeff Becom (Vice-Chair)
- Maureen Mason
- James McCord
- Randy McKendry

**3. Approval of HRC Minutes**

- a. Consider Draft Minutes of the December 9, 2009 Regular HRC Site Review and Regular Meetings  
**Recommended Action: Approve minutes as presented.**

**On a motion by Mason, seconded by McCord, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes as presented.**

**4. Oral Communications**

None

**5. Written Correspondence**

None

**6. Regular Agenda**

- a. **Property Address: 1206 Lincoln Avenue - Initial Historic Screening Request**  
Review the available information and consider whether to make a "Preliminary Determination of Ineligibility" for the above referenced address.

Applicant: Steve Honegger, Pacific Grove Housing Rehab. Inspector, on behalf of the Boumeister family

CEQA status: Not a project under CEQA

Staff reference: Karen Vaughn, AICP, Senior Planner

Public comment period was opened. No public comment was received.

**On a motion by Mason, seconded by McKendry, the Committee voted 5-0 to forward a recommendation of “Determined to be ineligible as an historic resource” to the Chief Planner.**

**b. Discussion of the *Valley Advocates v. City of Fresno* court case**

Review and discuss the 2008 court case in which the City of Fresno only utilized their local criteria for evaluating potentially historic structures. The court found that the City had not fulfilled the requirements under CEQA. At the December 9, 2009 HRC meeting, the Committee asked that the City Attorney speak to the weight of the City’s local criteria relative to the state and federal criteria, under CEQA.

CEQA status: Not a project under CEQA

Staff reference: David C. Laredo, City Attorney

Chief Planner Lynn Burgess introduced the item. She discussed the requirement, under CEQA, to do a thorough review and look at all levels of potential historicity.

City Attorney David Laredo briefly outlined the pertinent issues of the case and offered to answer questions from the Committee.

Public comment period was opened.

Lisa Bennett, City Council Member, asked if the City’s evaluation criteria are wider, or more narrow than the State and Federal criteria.

Chief Planner Burgess noted that the State and Federal criteria also include the Seven Aspects of Integrity whereas the local criteria only address integrity of design (one of the Seven Aspects of Integrity).

City Attorney Laredo noted that CEQA is procedural; local criteria are substantive. The City has discretionary authority first, then must make sure the proposed project complies with CEQA.

Public comment period was closed.

**c. Discussion of “Exploratory Demolition”**

Discuss exploratory demolition to further determine the existence of remaining original elements on potentially historic structures. This item is agendaized at the request of the Committee.

CEQA status: Not a project under CEQA

Staff reference: Karen Vaughn, AICP, Senior Planner

Senior Planner Karen Vaughn introduced the item and the current policy by which property owners can pull a limited scope building permit for “exploratory demolition”. She also noted that the process is voluntary. She answered questions from the Committee.

Public comment period was opened.

David Hines asked questions of the Committee.

The public comment period was closed.

**7. Reports of HRC Members**

Chair Hinshaw discussed the recent research of the subcommittee regarding grant money for preparation of a context statement. The subcommittee found that grant money is not available to the City until CLG status is achieved. The Historic Preservation Ordinance needs to be rewritten, CLG status achieved, then the City can apply for grant money.

Chair Hinshaw also discussed the HRI inventory on CD and the indexing of all past *Board and Batten* newsletters.

**8. Reports from Staff**

None

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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