

MINUTES

Historic Preservation Commission 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 17, 2010 City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Call to Order Vice-Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vice-Chair Meyer, I. Blackwood; K. Eriksen; F. Miller; J. Steen

Absent: Commissioner Carter (W/O); Commissioner Subocz (W/O)

Staff: Principal Planner E. Marlatt, Associate Planner J. Lum and Recording

Secretary N. Ellis

Presentations – None

Oral Communications – None

Announcements – Welcome to new Commissioners - Vice-Chair Meyer introduced Ian Blackwood and Frank Miller as the new commissioners to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2010

ACTION: Commissioner Eriksen moved and Commissioner Steen seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2010, with modifications as follows: Page 1, Paragraph 1, correct spelling of "Commissioner Steen's" name; Page 3, Paragraph 2, modify the following sentence to read "Commissioner Steen agreed with staff's recommendation on the studio's redesign. The horizontal board and batten features are <u>not</u> compatible with features in <u>the a historic</u> district". The motion passed on a 3/0/2/2 vote, with Commissioner(s) Miller and Blackwood abstaining and Commissioner(s) Carter and Subocz absent.

Public Hearings –

Old Business - Continued from the HPC meeting of February 17, 2010.

1. 102 Green Street 08-104.0 APN 006-404-03

Historic Alteration Permit to allow 574 square feet of additional interior space and 110 square feet of additional deck for a dwelling in the Mission Hill Historic District and the R-1-5 zoning district; the new deck area is located 11 feet away from a 30 percent slope area. (Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption) (P. Spellman, owner/filed: 6/19/2008)

Recommendation: Approval with conditions.

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Associate Planner Lum presented the staff report.

P. Spellman, owner and designer, presented a brief presentation.

The public hearing was opened.

No one wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Meyer clarified that there was excellent progress on the roofing material, top story window solution, and the massing given the option proposed. The issue of concern was the roof design.

ACTION: Commissioner Steen moved and Commissioner Eriksen seconded, to continue 102 Green Street for redesign to the meeting of March 17, 2010. The motion passed on a 4/0/1/2 vote, with Commissioner Blackwood abstaining and Commissioner(s) Carter and Subocz absent.

New Business –

2. 913 Cedar St CP10-0009 APN 005-048-06

Historic Alteration Permit to modify one large window and two doors on a commercial building listed on the City Historic Building Survey in the CBD/H zoning district. (Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption) (City of Santa Cruz, owner/filed: 1/25/2010)

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Recommendation: Approval with conditions.

Associate Planner Lum presented the staff report.

Kendra Baker and Zachary Davis, owners of the project, presented a brief slide presentation.

The public hearing was opened.

Commissioner Steen commented that to put these buildings into historical context. This street was originally called Vine Street and was opened in 1931. In 1931, the street was cut through to Locust Street and these buildings were built after that time.

Commissioner Miller agreed with the staff presentation and stated that the applicant's have done a good job on the proposal for the large window.

Commissioner Miller stated that he was very familiar with the window since once a month he sat behind that window getting his hair cut. He always felt that window was out of proportion and out of shape as one piece of glass with an overall design and agreed that this couldn't be the original window.

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Commissioner Miller asked if all four squares on the intermediate horizontal band are openable. In response, the applicant stated that only the two center ones will be openable and will be sliding glass windows.

Commissioner Blackwood stated that if the window operated it may have been an original casement window. He stated that the proposed window is better then the plate glass window.

Commissioner Blackwood didn't think that wood is appropriate and stated that the original window may have been a steel frame. He stated the aluminum was preferable rather then trying to go to wood which would bring a different type of set up.

ACTION: Commissioner Steen moved and Commissioner Eriksen seconded to approve the Historic Alteration Permit for 913 Cedar Street and accept the staff recommendation modifying Condition No. 8 to clarify that the large arched window facing Cedar Street to be dark bronze aluminum with the mullion pattern to be consistent with what was presented by the applicant in the power point presentation. Condition No. 6 was modified to indicate all portions of hood vents and connecting equipment shall have a matte finish. The motion passed on a unanimous 5/0/2 vote; with Commissioner(s) Blackwood, Eriksen, Meyer, Miller and Steen voting yes and Commissioner(s) Carter and Subocz absent.

General Business –

3. Adoption of Resolutions of Appreciation for former Commissioners Ross Gibson and Clarke Shultes

Recommendation: Adopt resolutions.

ACTION: Commissioner Steen moved and Commissioner Miller seconded, to adopt the resolution of appreciation for Commissioner(s) Gibson and Shultes. The motion passed on a unanimous 5-0 vote; with Commissioner(s) Carter and Subocz absent.

4. 2010 Certificates of Appreciation for May Blue Plaque Ceremony Recommendation: Nominate and adopt list of certificates.

Michael Bethke's house at 229 Union Street.

Commissioner Steen nominated the Santa Cruz Women's Club for their efforts in acquiring a plaque in recognition of the 54th Coast Artillery African American unit which was installed at Lighthouse Point this past Veteran's Day. She noted the plaque is just to the right of the Lighthouse by a memorial bench and is a bronze plaque mounted on a rock that lists the names of the men who came back and settled in Santa Cruz after their tour was up and most of them settled in the west side of Santa Cruz called the Circle's Neighborhood. The Santa Cruz Women's Club waged a community campaign and raised money for the beautiful dedication ceremony. She stated that they should be recognized for their efforts.

Principal Planner Marlatt stated that there are about 4 or 5 nominations per year for the Blue Plaque Ceremony. He suggested in making a list of completed projects.

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Commissioner Steen stated that the deadline for these nominations would be the 3rd Wednesday in April.

Commissioner Steen stated the Blue Plaque Ceremony is scheduled for May 1st to coincide with National Preservation month. This is a combined ceremony with the Museum of Art & History which gives out their landmark plaques at the same time.

ACTION: Accepted report.

5. Continued Discussion of Historic Preservation Zoning Incentives Recommendation: Discuss zoning incentives.

Principal Planner Marlatt stated that one of the projects on the Work Program for the Planning Department is a fairly extensive overhaul of the Zoning Ordinance. He noted that a consultant is working on this very large effort in putting these programs into groups. He stated that it's the department's intent to put the Zoning Incentives into one of these groups.

ACTION: Accepted report.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

None.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas –

None.

Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m. the Historic Preservation Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting of March 17, 2010 in the Council Chambers.