



ACTION MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 18 , 2010
City Council Chambers
809 Center Street

Call to Order **H. Carter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.**

Roll Call H. Carter - Chair, I. Blackwood; K. Eriksen; A. Meyer; F. Miller; J. Steen;
D. Subocz

Absent: None

Staff: Senior Planner D. Lauritson; N. Ellis, Recording Secretary

Presentations – None

Oral Communications – J. Michalak, Vice-President of the Friends of Cowell Lime Works Historic District stated they had obtained a \$4,000 National Trust grant to develop Phase I of the hay barn reconstruction project. This is a validation of their efforts with UCSC to preserve the hay barn. UCSC will be providing a matching grant of \$4,000, which will include the development of the Phase I project.

Announcements – Commissioner Steen mentioned the passing of John Chase, urban designer and author of the “Sidewalk Companion to Santa Cruz Architecture” in 1975.

Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2010

ACTION: J. Steen moved and I. Blackwood seconded, to approve the minutes as modified, on page 2, after L. Rothfuss’s name, replacing the word “Architect” with the word “Designer”; correcting Stephanie Barnes-Castro’s name; on page 2, ninth paragraph, move the paragraph beginning with Speaking from the Floor in Rebuttal to page 3, second paragraph, after the last bullet in that section; on page 3, second paragraph, after the word “The” insert language “public’s concerns for the project were as follows;”. . . with the following additional language added to page 3, after the paragraph “...No one else wished to speak and the public hearing was closed, “After Commission discussion related to details of the house addition and the historic background and value of the existing barn structure, the Commission indicated they would like to continue the application to the following meeting to allow time to address various design issues. The applicant requested that the Commission take some final action on the project. “The motion passed on a 6/0/1 vote; with Commissioner Eriksen abstained.

Public Hearings –

- 1. 346 Chestnut St. CP 09-0076 APN 005-135-08**
Historic Alteration Permit for new window in the front gable of a house listed on the City Historic Building Survey and located in the R-1-5 zoning district. (Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption) (K. Melena, owner/filed: 12/16/09) DL
Recommendation: That the Historic Preservation Commission acknowledge the environmental determination and approve the Historic Alteration Permit based on the Findings contained in the agenda report and Conditions of Approval in Exhibit “A”.

Senior Planner D. Lauritson presented the staff report.

The public hearing was opened and no one wished to speak.

The public hearing was closed.

ACTION: Commissioner Steen moved and Commissioner Miller seconded to APPROVE THE PROJECT, with additional condition language requiring restoration of the original eave trim, requiring that new window trim details match existing window trim (including sill horns and lugs, if any), and to not approve the proposed louvered vent above the window. The motion passed on a 6/1 vote with Commissioner Subocz VOTING NO.

General Business –

2. Demolition Review Process for Accessory Buildings on Sites Listed on Historic Building Survey
Recommendation: Receive Staff Report and discuss review process.
ACTION: Acknowledged report and discussed creation of Subcommittee to help Staff with such review.
3. January 22, 2010 Letter from Ross Gibson regarding HPC Preservation Action Plan
Recommendation: Discuss letter.
ACTION: Acknowledged presentation by Ross Gibson.
4. Letter from Ross Gibson regarding Adding Wings onto Small Cottages
Recommendation: Discuss letter.
ACTION: Acknowledged presentation by R. Gibson. Commissioner Steen stated that it would be worthwhile to have Leslie Dill make a Secretary of Interior Standards presentation at a future Commission meeting. Staff indicated he would check into funding for such a presentation.

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports - None

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas –

- **Creation of Commission Subcommittee regarding the demolition review process.**
- **Commission notice of pending historic applications prior to public hearing notice.**

Adjournment

At 9:25 p.m. the Historic Preservation Commission adjourned to the next regular meeting of September 15, 2010 in the Council Chambers.