



ACTION MINUTES
Historic Preservation Commission
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, 2011
City Council Chambers
809 Center Street

Call to Order

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

Absent: K. Eriksen without notification

Presentations - None.

Oral Communications - Joe Michalak mentioned the passing of an advocate for historic preservation and an extraordinary individual, Nick Humy. Nick Humy passed away in August after a six-month battle with metastatic colon cancer. His personal integrity, determination, and grace were an inspiration to all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him, however briefly. His presence in our community will be greatly missed.

Announcements - None.

Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2011

ACTION: APPROVED AS SUBMITTED, 5/1/1, COMMISSIONER STEEN ABSTAINING
AND COMMISSIONER ERIKSEN ABSENT.

Public Hearings -

1. 320 West Cliff Dr. CP11-0102 APN 004-243-20
Historic Alteration Permit to convert an existing carriage house to a third dwelling unit on a property listed on the City Historic Building Survey and located in the R-1-5/CZ-O/SP-O/WCD-O zoning district; Historic Landmark Designation to list the property as a City Landmark. (Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption)(Horn, Khristina M. S/W, owner/filed: 7/14/2011) JL

Recommendation: Acknowledge the environmental determination and approve the Historic Alteration Permit and Landmark Listing based on the Findings and Conditions of Approval in the Agenda Report.

Associate Planner J. Lum presented the staff report. She noted that the project involves the existing 2-story carriage house at the rear of the property as well as the application for a Historic Alteration Permit and Historic Landmark Designation.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR

C. Shultes, Applicant's Representative

R. Gibson, Local Historican

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

After a lengthy discussion, the Commission's decision was to retain the hay barn door either by modifying the original hay barn door or replicating it in-kind to open like window shutters and installing Dutch doors behind the "shutters."

Finally, the Commission approved the Historic Alteration Permit for the project, with a condition that the balcony feature be eliminated with the option that the hay barn door be modified or replicated to create a functional opening for light and air.

ACTION: Commissioner Subocz moved and Commissioner Miller seconded, **APPROVAL** of the environmental determination and **APPROVAL** of the Historic Alteration Permit with amended conditions, and **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to the City Council of the Historic Landmark Designation, by a vote of 4/2/1, with Commissioner(s) Subocz and Miller opposed and Commissioner Eriksen absent.

General Business -

Commissioner Meyer changed the order of the Agenda and Item 3. Letter from Build a Better La Bahia was heard before Item 2.

3. **Letter from Build a Better La Bahia.**

Recommendation: Discuss letter received.

ACTION: Received letter from Build a Better La Bahia group. The Commission appointed a subcommittee (Commissioners A. Meyer and H. Carter) to draft a letter regarding the repair and maintenance of the La Bahia building and to meet with the Mayor in this regard.

2. **Veteran's Memorial Building**

Recommendation: Discuss June 1, 2011 letter received.

ACTION: Senior Planner D. Lauritson noted that the County is contracting to reinforce and rehabilitate the Veteran's Memorial Building for approximately 3.5 million dollars. The Commissioners were very supportive in honoring the United Veteran's Council.

4. **Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Alliance.**
Recommendation: Discuss letter received.

ACTION: The Commission approved sending a letter of support to the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Alliance.

5. **Exterior Grid Windows**
Recommendation: Continue to future meeting.

ACTION: The Commission recommended continuing discussion at a future meeting.

6. **Demolition Review/Accessory Buildings Subcommittee**
RECOMMENDATION: Extend life of subcommittee to complete report

ACTION: The Commission received a status report from Commissioner Steen and recommended extending the life of the Demolition Review/Accessory Building Subcommittee for another six months.

7. **Updated Subcommittee List**
Recommendation: Approve list with two subcommittees.

ACTION: The Commission extended the Volume III Subcommittee and added Commissioner Blackwood to the subcommittee.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas - None.

Adjournment

At 10:20 p.m. the Commission adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of November 16, 2011.