

# FINAL MINUTES Historic Preservation Commission 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2014 City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

**Call to Order** by F. Miller at 7:45 p.m.

**Roll Call** F. Miller - Chair; I. Blackwood; D. Hooks; A. Meyer;

J. Steen; R. Barker, G. Schwartz

Absent: Drew Meyer (Ab/with notification)

Staff: D. Lauritson, Project Planner, Norma Ellis, Secretary

Oral Communications - Christina Horn, owner of the Epworth House, 321 West Cliff Dr., requested that the HPC support use of the Mills Act by the City Council. She's been in contact with the State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO) in Sacramento which suggested that the local Commission work with the elected officials to establish a local Mills Act program. She noted that the official website of the State Office of Historic Preservation indicates that other neighboring counties currently have Mills Act programs. Other Bay Area counties that entertain Mills Act contracts are Alameda, San Francisco, Vallejo, Marin and Contra Costa. She stated that she is also aware of staffing concerns. She stated that it would be nice to have a conservative and definitive response regarding the establishment of a City Mills Act program.

Project Planner D. Lauritson gave a brief introduction of new planner Katherine Donovan who has been with the City Redevelopment Agency for about six years. She previously worked for eight years with the City of Vallejo and staffed their Historic Preservation Commission. Katherine has a BA degree in Environmental Economics and a Master's Degree in city and regional planning. Katherine is now on the Planning Department staff on loan from its future planning to current planning section and will be a real asset to the Commission.

#### **Announcements - None**

Approval of Minutes - March 19, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Blackwood moved and Commissioner Hooks seconded, APPROVAL, with modifications to include Commissioner(s) A. Meyer, J. Steen and R. Barker also made nominations to the May 2014 Blue Plaque Awards. The VOTE was APPROVAL on a 6-0-1; with modifications. Voting Yes: F. Miller, I. Blackwood, D. Hooks, J. Steen, R. Barker and G. Schwartz; with A. Meyer absent.

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**Presentations** -Presentation by Ed Silveira, 150 Belvedere, regarding the history of the triangle median parcel on the eastside bounded by Soquel Avenue and Water Streets. This item was taken out of order and heard before the public hearing agenda item.

## Public Hearings -

1. 303 Ocean View CP13-0129 010-102-26 Historic Alteration Permit for remodel and addition exceeding 3,000 square feet to a historic home in the R-1-5 zone district. (Environmental Determination: Categorical Exemption) (A. Haas & C. Crompton, owners/filed: 9/16/2013) KD Recommendation: Approval with conditions

D. Lauritson provided a brief staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

### **SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR IN SUPPORT:**

Mathew Thompson, Architect Tom Stelling, 315 Ocean View

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

ACTION: The Commission acknowledged the Categorical Exemption and approved the Historic Alteration Permit, subject to the conditions listed as Exhibit "A" and the findings noted in the staff report. The VOTE was 6-0-1; with F. Miller, I. Blackwood, D. Hooks, J. Steen, R. Barker and G. Schwartz voting YES; A. Meyer absent.

#### General Business -

# Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports

ACTION: Acknowledged oral report given by Commissioner Miller for the Public Awareness Subcommittee. Acknowledged oral report given by Ian Blackwood for the Incentives/Mills Act Subcommittee. Final reports by both subcommittees will be agendized on the Historic Preservation Commission September agenda.

# Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas - None

# <u>Adjournment</u>

The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to a Special Meeting of

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| APPROVED: _    | F. Miller, Chair                                      |
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| ATTEST:        |   |
|                | Don Lauritson, Secretary                              |