



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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August 13, 2014 in the Council Chambers.

APPROVED: _____
F. Miller, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Don Lauritson, Secretary