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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

ANNOTATED AGENDA

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**March 9, 2006**

**4:00 – 6:30 PM**

### **Commissioners:**

Maria Lucido, Chair  
John Castagna  
Boris Jacobowsky  
Virginia McLain  
Jean O'Brien  
Bob Petty  
Vacancy

*(non-voting):  
Marcia DeVoe  
Vacancy*

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: Commissioners: Castagna, Jacobowsky, McLain, O'Brien, Petty**  
**Staff: Senior Planner Kimberly Cole, Recording Secretary Kim Allen**  
**ABSENT: Commissioners: Lucido, DeVoe**

### **APPROVAL OF ANNOTATED AGENDA**

Annotated Agenda of January 12, 2006 was approved as submitted 5-0-1 (Absent-Lucido).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

- 1. 556 Abrego Street; Rezone 06-038 and Mills Act Contract 06-037; Applicant Michael G. Adamson, Monterey County Bank; Owner/Monterey County Bank; C-2 Zoning District; Exempt from CEQA Requirements.**

Recommendation to Planning Commission to rezone property as a City Historic Resource (C2-H-1) and consider a Mills Act Contract (tax savings program for historic buildings).

Michael Adamson, Senior Vice President of the Monterey County Bank, stated that he has been tasked with renovating the building for occupation by the President of the bank. He said that the President would occupy the front of the building and some other staff would be in the back in what was the servants quarters. He said they want to move in as soon as possible, before the repairs are completed in April 2007.

Kent Seavey, historian, discussed the importance of the placement of the historic plaques, stating that there are potential problems caused by attaching a bronze plaque to adobe walls, and that he recommends that plaques should not be attached directly to adobe buildings.

**Action:** Approved recommendation to the Planning Commission to rezone the property to add a City Historic Landmark Overlay (H-1) designation and approved a Mills Act Contract 5-0-1(Absent-Lucido) adopting the following Conditions of Approval, staff Findings for Decision, and adding a caveat that all items on the Maintenance Plan are required to be completed by April 2007.

**Conditions of Approval:**

1. The applicant shall install a bronze plaque recognizing the site as historic and allow a yearly public tour of the property.
2. Tasks listed on the Maintenance Plan shall be completed by April 2007.

**Findings for Decision:**

1. The property at 556 Abrego Street is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The applicant now proposes to rezone the structure as a City of Monterey historic landmark.
2. The property is proposed for H-1 designation because the resource is listed on the National Register.

**PRESENTATION**

**2. Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau (Nat Rojanasathira) - Oral Report**

Mr. Rojanasathira, of the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, gave a presentation on the marketing of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula as a tourism destination. He said the Bureau is working on promoting Monterey as a destination point in conjunction with other cities in the Monterey Peninsula as well as the Salinas Valley.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**3. May Historic Preservation Month**

Ms. Cole gave a short presentation on the events taking place during the month.

**STAFF / COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Ms. Cole gave the following announcements to the Commission:

1. The City has been recognized by the National Trust as one out of twelve historic distinctive destinations in the country. The City was awarded this honor in a special ceremony at Colton Hall on March 8, 2006.
2. The City applied for a Preserve America grant through Laura Bush's program and today has been awarded \$100,000 to improve and expand the Historic Monterey Path of History walking tour. The improvements will include new pamphlets and signs.
3. There will be an HPC meeting on the Lower Old Town Historic Survey March 23, 2006.
4. The Public Service Center is scheduled for the March 22, 2006 Architectural Review Committee meeting.

Commissioner McLain asked for clarification regarding Mills Act Contracts. Ms. Cole confirmed that the Mills Act continues with the property, not the owner of the building.

**ADJOURNMENT 4:45 PM**

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Jean O'Brien, Chair

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Kimberly Cole, Senior Planner

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