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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

May 10, 2007

4:00 – 6:30 PM

Commissioners:

Bob Petty, Chair
Carol O'Neil, Vice-Chair
John Castagna
Donald Edgren
Maria Lucido
Virginia McLain
Jean O'Brien

(Non-voting):

Vacant
Dennis Hodgkin
Honorary
Marcia DeVoe

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petty called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners: Castagna, Edgren, Hodgkin, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil, Petty
Staff: Senior Planner Kim Cole, Associate Planner Ebbs, Recording Secretary Maria Buell
ABSENT: Commissioners: McLain

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENTS allows the public to speak for a maximum of three minutes on any subject which is not on the agenda. Any person or group desiring to bring an item to the attention of the Historic Preservation Commission may do so by addressing the Commission during Public Comments or by addressing a letter of explanation to: Community Development Director, City Hall, Monterey CA 93940. The appropriate staff person will contact the sender concerning the details.

None.

APPROVAL OF ANNOTATED AGENDA

Annotated Agenda of March 8, 2007 was approved as submitted. 6-0-0-1 (Absent McLain)

REVIEW OF CONSENT ITEMS

REVIEW OF AGENDA AND CONSENT ITEMS are to review those items recommended for approval on consent, or recommended to be continued, tabled or withdrawn, etc. CONSENT ITEMS consists of those items which are routine and for which a staff recommendation has been prepared. A member of the public or a Commissioner may request that an item recommended for approval on consent be heard on the regular agenda for further discussion.

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PUBLIC APPEARANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS are held to receive public comment on certain items pending Historic Preservation Commission action. You are welcome to offer your comments after being recognized by the Chair. The Chair may limit the time allocated to each speaker. PUBLIC APPEARANCE items are reports on non-routine issues that might stimulate public discussion, but that do not require formal noticing as public hearings.

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Review of Draft Context Statements for Oak Grove and Upper Old Town Neighborhoods Reconnaissance Surveys.**

Staff Presentation:

Associate Planner Ebbs presented the report and answered Commissioners' questions.

Public Comment:

Marianne Finocchi, Chair for Old Town Neighborhood Association, thanked the Commissioners for considering the Upper Old Town survey so that the neighborhood can be kept special and unique.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Castagna asked if the Upper Old Town was synonymous with Spaghetti Hill. Associate Planner Ebbs said that the boundary was drawn based on zoning districts (not history). Commissioner Lucido said she loved reading the historical data provided in the report.

2. 2007 Historic Awards Program.

Staff Presentation:

Associate Planner Ebbs presented the report and answered Commissioners' questions. Chair Petty asked that a full presentation be given for each category being presented.

Public Comment:

Marianne Finocchi said that her neighborhood association created an awards program and that it created incentives for homeowners to upgrade their properties.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Lucido asked if a field trip would be scheduled to evaluate some of these projects. Associate Planner Ebbs responded that one would be scheduled. Commissioner Castagna asked how the selection was to be done. Commissioner O'Neil said she needed more information regarding the banners in Cannery Row. Commissioner Edgren asked why it is restricted to one award per category and asked what happens if two projects needed recognition. Commissioners asked for general information regarding the awards program. Associate Planner Ebbs said that he would provide the additional information requested to Commissioners.

3. Presentation of Design Framework and Guidelines for Downtown and East Downtown Mixed Use Area – Draft #2.

Staff Presentation:

Senior Planner Cole presented the report and answered Commissioners' questions.

Public Comment:

Bud Miller said he lives on Pearl Street and said that his neighborhood area must be preserved at the two-story level height.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Edgren asked how they should be reviewing this document. Senior Planner Cole said that as new projects are proposed in the downtown area, near a historic or potentially historic resource area, these guidelines would be used to provide recommendations to the Architectural Review Committee. She said the Commissioners would receive a formal evaluation of the proposed guidelines shortly and that the Historic Preservation Commission would then make a formal recommendation to the Architectural Review Committee and Planning Commission.

STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Staff or Commissioners may make a brief report, ask a question for clarification, or make a brief announcement. The Commission may provide a referral to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any City matter, or direct staff to place a request to agendaize a matter of business on a future agenda (G.C. 54954.2).

Chair Petty welcomed new members to the Historic Preservation Commission, Don Edgren and Dennis Hodgkin.

Commissioner Castagna asked for an update on the plaque project. Kim Cole said a plaque is being prepared for 556 Abrego. Commissioners Hodgkin and Edgren introduced themselves and said they would welcome visiting those plaque projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.