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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Annotated Agenda

Regular Meeting
September 13, 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):
Dennis Hodgkin
Vacant
Honorary
Marcia DeVoe

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Castagna, Edgren, Hodgkin, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil, Petty

Commissioners Absent: McLain

Staff Present: Senior Planner Kim Cole, Recording Secretary Jaci Abadilla

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

August 9, 2007

ACTION: Approved the Annotated Agenda of August 9, 2007 as submitted. 5-0-1(Absent-McLain)-1(Abstain-Edgren).

MOTION:

On a motion by Commissioner Castagna, seconded by Commissioner O'Neil, the Annotated Agenda of August 9, 2007 was approved as submitted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: 5	COMMISSIONERS:	Castagna, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil, Petty
NOES: 0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSTAIN: 1	COMMISSIONERS:	Edgren
ABSENT: 1	COMMISSIONERS:	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CONSENT ITEMS are to review those items recommended for approval on consent, or recommended to be continued, tabled or withdrawn, etc.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.

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.

1. 539 Hartnell Street; Historic Survey 07-237; Applicant Alex Vance; Owner Monterey History & Art Association; C-2-H-1 Zoning District; Exempt from CEQA Requirements.

Review of updated Historic Survey.

ACTION: On consent, the Historic Survey was approved. 6-0-1(Absent-McLain).

MOTION:

On a motion by Commissioner Edgren, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, on consent, the Historic Survey was approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: 6	COMMISSIONERS:	Castagna, Edgren, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil, Petty
NOES: 0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT: 1	COMMISSIONERS:	McLain

2. 598 Church Street; Historic Permit 07-323; Applicant Cathy Leiker; Owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Monterey; R-3-6-H-I Zoning District; Exempt from CEQA Requirements.

Review of the proposed Landscape Plan.

ACTION: Approved the Landscape Plan with staff findings as submitted. 6-0-1(Absent-McLain).

Staff Presentation/Commissioners Questions:

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

Applicant:

Landscape Architect Joy Long described the project stating that the grotto would stay the same with seating area added. The parking lot will be moved to accommodate the plaza, with seat walls, four olive trees and a mission style fountain. A sculpture would be relocated with a ramp installed behind it with plaster on either side of the ramp made out of Carmel stone like the church with a handrail following the up the slope. Landscaping in the back of the church would be planted with additional seating, and a seat wall would be built around another fountain on the side. She added that the seating and the fountains eliminated the bowling alley affect.

In response to Commissioners' O'Neil and Hodgins questions, Ms. Long stated that roses would be planted at least eight feet away from the building diverting water to drains rather than into the church. She added that security lighting would be on all sides of the church, along the paths, and on the ramps. She stated that the archeology of the original Presidio wall is reflected in the new design, which was originally made of stone and this gives the sense of history when walking around the building.

Responding to Chair Petty's question regarding covering the stone on the entrance wall or leaving a cutout with glass, Applicant Cathy Leiker, said that she would mention this to the engineers. In response to preserving the gate, she added that Father Peter feels that a gate would give the appearance of shutting out people from the church and he

wants them to feel welcome. This church is a church for the people today like it was when it was originally established and has evolved with little value from the gate. Looking back at that time period, the building was located in the middle of a Presidio and stood out from its surroundings.

Public Comments:

None.

Commissioner Comments:

After a discussion regarding the symmetry of the gardens, the handrails on the ramp and the front gate proposal, Commissioner Castagna moved to approve the landscape plan with staff findings as submitted. Commissioner Edgren seconded the motion.

MOTION:

On a motion by Commissioner Castagna, seconded by Commissioner Edgren, the Landscape Plan was approved with staff findings as submitted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: 6	COMMISSIONERS:	Castagna, Edgren, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil, Petty
NOES: 0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT: 1	COMMISSIONERS:	McLain

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. City Council Vision Workshop (Oral Report)

ACTION: To write a letter to the City Council to include the Historic Preservation Commission as part of the City's strategic planning efforts to maintain its responsible stewardship of historic and cultural resources. 6-0-1(Absent-McLain).

Senior Planner Cole presented the City Council's vision and strategic planning goals. Commissioner Lucido questioned why the Historic Preservation Commission was not included in the vision for strategic planning when it comes to historic preservation and made a motion to write a letter to the City Council to include HPC. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

MOTION:

On a motion by Commissioner Lucido, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, it was moved to write a letter to the City Council to include the Historic Preservation Commission as part of the City's strategic planning efforts to maintain its responsible stewardship of historic and cultural resources. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: 6	COMMISSIONERS:	Castagna, Edgren, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil, Petty
NOES: 0	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT: 1	COMMISSIONERS:	McLain

4. Historic Plaques (Oral Report)

Senior Planner Cole said that the first plaque has been installed on the Mary Corning Winslow Black Studio located at 556 Abrego Street. The City of Monterey has also received four other requests that are being processed.

Public Comments:

Michelle Gossmann, representing Property Owner Rhett Smith of 774 Wave, asked if the City would be paying for the plaques and what was the cost involved.

Senior Planner Cole stated that Mr. Smith withdrew his request for designation when his project was heard before the Historic Preservation Commission. He would have to reapply for the historic designation; and, the cost for the plaque

runs about \$400.

5. 320 Hawthorne Street – Project Update (Oral Report)

Senior Planner Cole said that the building permit has been issued and the project is under construction.

6. Non-Voting Historic Preservation Commissioner (Vacancy) (Oral Report)

Chair Petty said that there are seven members of the Historic Preservation Commission but there can be any number of non-voting members. After a discussion regarding what expertise or historic background the new person should have, it was determined that the Commission would inform staff when to agendize the appointment of another non-voting member.

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 agendize a matter of business on a future agenda (G.C. 54954.2).

Senior Planner Cole stated that there would be a conference on October 10, 2007 at San Carlos Church regarding the Royal Presidio Chapel Conservation Project. Commissioners' Casagna, Lucido, O'Brien, O'Neil and Petty said they would like to attend.

Commissioner O'Neil asked for the status of the Passenger Depot at the Wharf #2 entrance. Senior Planner Cole said that the City sent out a Request for Proposal asking for a proposal to occupy and refurbish the site, but none were received. The project has been put on hold until a decision is rendered on the Catellus project.

Commissioner O'Neil said that the whale bones that were found at the Trader Joe's job site have been on display at Point Sur and are now being offered to other parks in the Big Sur area.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.