



City of Saratoga

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 08, 2007 8:30 a.m.

Place: Planning Conference Room, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue

Type: Regular Meeting – Please meet in the parking lot in front of the Warner Hutton House at 8:30 a.m. and Staff will provide transportation to the site visit under New Business and return to the Planning Conference Room by 8:50 a.m.

1. Routine Organization

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Gomersall, Kellond, Loudon, Marra, McCarty, Chair Koepernik and Vice Chair Wyman.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Mr. Mike Belshe.

STAFF PRESENT: Planners Chris Riordan and Shweta Bhatt.

B. Approval of minutes from April 10, 2007 meeting – *Approved 7-0.*

C. Posting of Agenda – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was posted on May 03, 2007 – *Staff announced this item.*

D. Oral & Written Communication - Any member of the public may address the Commission about any matter not on the agenda for this meeting for up to three minutes. *Commissioners may not comment on the matter but may choose to place the topic on a future agenda.* – None.

E. Oral Communications – Historic Preservation Commission direction to Staff – *Instruction to staff regarding actions on current Oral Communications.* – None.

2. Old Business

A. Discuss National Registry & Saratoga Landmark Plaques – *Item discussed. Commissioner Loudon offered to follow-up on order of plaques.*

B. Discuss Heritage Orchard Signage – *Item discussed. The Commission considered the option to have two signs on the Saratoga Avenue frontage and the Fruitvale Avenue frontage and concluded it would like to present the option at the corner to City Council at their next joint meeting.*

C. Discuss Historic Incentives – *The Commission brainstormed a list of possible incentives for historic properties, including reduction of permit fees, and fast tracking permits. Commissioner Koepernik offered to follow-up with a list.*

3. New Business

A. **8:30 am Site Visit** – 13855 Saratoga Avenue – Determine if proposed modifications to existing historic structure are appropriate. – *Site visit completed with property owner (Mr. Mike Belshe) present. Commissioner Koepernik asked the applicant to verify that the siding that will be used to fill in where the window currently exists will be in-kind materials. Mr. Mike Belshe confirmed. The Commission determined: (1) that the proposed modification was in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards, and (2) that the modification will not have an impact on the historic and rural character of Saratoga Avenue as a heritage lane by a 7-0 vote.*

4. Pending Items

- A. Historic Resources Inventory
- B. McWilliams House Renovation
- C. National Register Applications
- D. Adopt a Tree Program for the Heritage Orchard
- E. Update Heritage Ordinance
- F. Review Oak Street as a Heritage Lane
- G. Review additional content for *Heritage Resources* webpage
- H. Historic Preservation Data Base
- I. Review list of properties with structures 50 years and over in age

5. Adjournment

Adjourn to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2007, Planning Conference Room, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue.