



City of Saratoga

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2007 8:30 a.m.

Place: Planning Conference Room, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue

Type: Regular Meeting – Please meet in the Planning Conference Room.

1. Routine Organization

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Gomersall, Loudon, Marra, Tai, Chair Koepernik, and Vice Chair Kellond

ABSENT: Commissioner McCarty

STAFF: Senior Planner Chris Riordan

B. Approval of minutes from September 11, 2007 meeting - *Approved*

C. Posting of Agenda – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was posted on October 4, 2007

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 – Chair Koepernik informed the Commission that he had received a phone call from Matt Ivancovich and they had discussed the path through the Heritage Orchard and the possible elevation of the path. Chair Koepernik instructed Senior Planner Chris Riordan to investigate the issue. Chair Koepernik also stated that the Saratoga Newspaper was eager to do a story about the plaques and that the first plaque would be presented to the Book-Go-Round on November 7, 2007. Commissioner Gomersall reported that the addition to the addition to the dry cleaner building in the Village is spoiling the existing aesthetic of the building.*

2. Old Business

A. Discuss National Registry & Saratoga Landmark Plaques – *Item discussed. The Commission discussed the presentation priority of the Landmark Plaques and agreed that the Heritage Orchard would be the first to receive a plaque. Chair Koepernik discussed the history of the Heritage Orchard with Commissioner Tai.*

B. Discuss Heritage Orchard Signage – *Item discussed. The Commission agreed that Vice Chair Kellond would present the Commission's ideas about*

- the orchard signage to the City Council during the Joint Meeting with the Council. Senior Planner Chris Riordan stated that he would get a date for the Joint Meeting and email the date to the Commission.*
- C. *Discuss Historic Incentives – Item discussed. Chair Koepernik suggested that the Commission should summarize the incentives that have been suggested. Chair Koepernik described Historic Incentives to Commissioner Tai. Vice Chair Kellond stated that a chart should be prepared for presentation to the City Council and that bringing it to the City Council should be a priority.*
 - D. *Discuss Mustard Walk – Item Discussed. Commissioner Louden suggested that someone has to be nominated to be Chair of the Mustard Walk. Chair Koepernik discussed signage for vehicular parking during the Mustard Walk, that the signs should be made that can be reused and suggested that Pelican Signs in Santa Clara be contacted. Commissioner Marra suggested that the farmers market signs were a good example. Chair Koepernik directed Commissioner Marra and Vice Chair Kellond to investigate the signs and determine the costs of producing them. Chair Koepernik told the Commission about his idea for a reenactment of the 1890's during the Mustard Walk, such as someone giving history lessons and having a chuck wagon. Commissioner Gomersall suggested that a blacksmith could be present. Chair Koepernik suggested that a fee could be charged from vendors that participate in the festival. Vice Chair Kellond suggested that the local vendors should be asked to provide their ideas and that he did not want to gouge local vendors. Commissioner Louden suggested that Nancy Anderson could chair the Mustard Walk and Chair Koepernik stated that he would give her a call. Commissioner Tai suggested that the Mustard Walk would be a good time to sponsor an art contest for high school students. Chair Koepernik stated that the art contest was a good idea directed Commissioner Tai to organize and report back to the Commission. Vice Chair Kellond stated that it was important to get someone to take charge of the Mustard Walk as soon as possible.*
 - E. *Discuss Sign for McWilliams House – Item Discussed. The Commission agreed that the sign should be incorporated into the landscape plan for the museum.*
 - F. *Discuss Orchard Pathway – Chair Koepernik directed Senior Planner Chris Riordan to investigate the status of the pathway.*
 - G. *Discuss Orchard Maintenance – Not Discussed.*

3. New Business

- A. Welcome Hong Tai as a new HPC member

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, November 13, 2007, Warner Hutton House, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue.