



City of Saratoga

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

- Date:** Tuesday, December 11, 2007 8:30 a.m.
- Place:** Warner Hutton House, 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 visits under New Business and return to Warner Hutton House by 9:00 a.m.
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1. Routine Organization

A. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Loudon

STAFF: Senior Planner Christopher Riordan, Contract Planner Heather Bradley

GUESTS: Ms. Nancy Anderson, Mr. Chuck Shoppe, Mr. David Neal, Mr. Adam Metaxas, Mr. Yangcheng Chou, and Ms. April Halberstadt

B. Approval of minutes from November 13, 2007 meeting- *Approved*

C. Posting of Agenda – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was posted on December 6, 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.*

Mr. Metaxas and Mr. Yangcheng Chou, graduate students from the Planning Program at San Jose State University, presented their photographic survey of the buildings in the Village to the Board.

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

B. Discuss Heritage Orchard Signage – Item Discussed. Chair Koepernik and Vice Chair Kellond discussed their meeting with the Library Commission where they presented the Orchard Sign. Chair Koepernik said that the Library Commission was supportive of the sign design. Vice Chair Kellond said that the Library Commission was more interested in discussing the

Mustard Faire. Chair Koepernik stated that the Library Commission wants to partner with the sign.

- C. Discuss Historic Incentives – *Not Discussed*
- D. Discuss Mustard Faire – *Item Discussed.* Ms. Anderson stated that she had contacted Paul Conrado and that he had agreed to participate, that more vendors would be desirable, and said that it would be preferable if these were vendors from the Village. Ms. Anderson also informed the Commission that the publicity was going to start this week and that she had already been in contact with Gentry magazine. Commissioner Gomersall asked if KSAR had been contacted. Commissioner Marra asked for confirmation on the time of the Mustard Faire and Chair Koepernik replied that it would be held on February 10 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Motion by Commissioner McCarty to change the name of the event from Mustard Walk to Mustard Faire, seconded by Commissioner Gomersall, and carried on a 6-1 vote. Mr. Shoppe stated that he had placed a newsletter item in the car and tractor clubs newsletters. Mr. Shoppe presented a map of the proposed faire layout. Chair Koepernik said that he would still like to get the “art cars” at the event. Mr. Shoppe brought up the idea of the need to get special permission from the City for the firing of black powder rifles. Ms. Anderson reminded the Commission that a Temporary Use Permit still needed to be applied for and said that she would make the application. Chair Koepernik stated that a person whom shoes horses would be present. Mr. Shoppe asked about public education of the orchard and Chair Koepernik said that Matt would be there to take care of the public education. Commissioner Tai brought up the idea of a Tea Ceremony at the Faire and space needed to have it. Ms. Anderson said that it would be important to have spaces for Faire participants selected prior to them arriving. Commissioner Marra discussed the requirements for a tea ceremony and some of the limitations. Commissioner Gomersall said that she liked the idea of the tea ceremony but did not think that it would be a good fit to have it during the Faire. Chair Koepernik suggested that if people were interested in the tea ceremony than a better place to learn about it would be the Hakone Gardens. Commissioner Tai suggested that a better idea would be to have a tea and flower arranging display. Commissioner Marra asked about having representatives from the Indian Community at the Faire. Chair Koepernik reminded the Commission that the Faire’s focus is on the City’s history, the valley, and the fruit trees. Chair Koepernik stated that there was a need to get additional money from the City to change the wording on the banner from Walk to Faire.
- E. Discuss Sign for McWilliams House – *Not Discussed*
- F. Discuss Orchard Pathway – *Item Discussed.* Chair Koepernik said that he was surprised that Matt was not invited to bid on the project to construct the pathway and that it was his belief that the quotes that were received were to expensive.
- G. Discuss Orchard Maintenance – *Item Discussed.* Commissioner Marra asked if there was any more information about the contract with Matt for the maintenance of the heritage orchard. Chair Koepernik stated that Matt has

submitted his contract text changes to the City and did not have any information beyond that.

3. New Business

- A. **8:30 a.m. Site Visit** – 15081 Pepper Lane – Review proposed 967 square foot addition to the rear of an existing 2,262 square foot single-family home that was constructed in 1940. – *Site visit completed with Mr. Neal, property owner. Ms. Bradley presented the background of the project. Chair Koepernik asked about the exterior materials of the addition. Mr. Neal stated that all of the materials would match those of the existing house. Vice Chair Kellond questioned if the roofing material was to be real or faux slate. Mr. Neal responded that the material used for the roofing would be genuine slate. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Kellond, seconded by Commissioner Marra, and carried on a 6-1 vote.*
- B. **Discuss January 2008 appointment of a new Chair and Vice Chair.**
Motion by Chair Koepernik to recommend Vice Chair Kellond as the Chair for 2008, seconded by Commissioner McCarty, and carried on a 6-1 vote. Motion by Chair Koepernik to recommend Commissioner Marra as the Vice Chair for 2008, seconded by Commissioner Gomersall, and carried on a 6-1 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, January 8, 2008, Warner Hutton House, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue.