



City of Saratoga

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 - 8:30 a.m.

Place: Regular Meeting – Magnolia Room

1. Routine Organization

A. Roll Call

PRESENT – Commissioners Koepernik, Gomersall, Tai, Vice Chair McCarty, and Chair Marra

ABSENT – Commissioners Conrado and Kellond

STAFF – Assistant Planner Michael Fossati, Senior Planner Christopher Riordan

B. Approval of minutes from the July 14, 2009 meeting - *Approved*

C. Posting of the Agenda – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was posted on August 6, 2009 – *Senior Planner Christopher Riordan announced this item.*

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

E. Oral Communications – Instruction to staff regarding actions on current Oral Communications – *None*

2. Old Business

A. None

3. New Business

A. Update to the Heritage Resources Inventory List – *Presentation by Consultant – Leslie Dill and Franklin Maggi, both of Archives and Architecture, were present at the meeting to provide a status report on their update to the City's Heritage Resource Inventory. Mr. Maggi distributed copies of their status report to the Commission and Staff which included a larger font size than the copies of the report distributed by Staff. Ms. Dill stated that the photos contained in the report were taken from the public right of way and that some of the homes were located on private roads or tucked away on long driveways which made it difficult to photograph these particular homes or verify that they are still existing and not been demolished. Vice Chair McCarty said that she was sure that the Winslow House had been demolished because there were new houses where it once stood. Mr. Maggi said that it is easier to identify which homes are no longer in existence since the list has been narrowed down. Chair Marra said that he knew that Nelson Gardens was gone because the City once owned the land and had sold it. Ms. Dill said that the Bellicitti Ranch home appears to have been*

demolished but that the barn was still present. Ms. Dill also said that she could not locate the Paul Masson Lodge building due to the likelihood that the address had been changed. Vice Chair McCarty replied that she was certain that the building still existed since she had entered a contest to win a dinner for ten that was to be held at the building. Ms. Dill stated that the first part of their work was to verify the location of the resource and the second part was to evaluate its existing historical integrity since many of the buildings had been significantly altered but still could be significant based on the building association with individuals. Ms. Dill said that when a building has been altered significantly then it will be left up to the Commission to determine if it is still significant and should remain on the Inventory. Each Historical Resource that is to remain on the Inventory will have a new DPR form prepared along with an integrity statement. Commissioner Koepernik inquired about the next step in the update process. Mr. Maggi said that the next steps are to finalize the Context Statement and to complete the DPR forms that will be in draft form for the HPC to review. Senior Planner Christopher Riordan asked about the public outreach program. Mr. Maggi said that he was still planning on meeting with the Historical Foundation during one of their regularly scheduled meetings.

4. Pending Items

A. National Register Applications – *Commissioner Gomersall requested that Staff send to her a copy of the National Register application.*

5. Adjournment

Adjourn to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2009, Magnolia Room, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue.