



## City of Saratoga

# HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. for Site Visits (Reconvene at Warner Hutton House by approximately 9:30am)

**Place:** Regular Meeting – Warner Hutton House (please meet outside in the parking lot due to site visits)

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### 1. Routine Organization

A. Roll Call

**ATTENDED:** Gomersall, Shah, Conrado, Cappello, Marchetti, Heid

**ABSENT:** Marra

**GUESTS:** Stephen Clark, Jerry Oberthier

B. Approval of minutes from September 13, 2011 meeting **Heid informed Staff of corrections. Shah moved to approve as amended, Gomersall second. Ayes 6, Noes 0.**

C. Posting of Agenda – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was posted on October 6, 2011 **Agenda properly posted**

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.* **Staff informed HPC of stop work order for 14741 Saratoga Avenue regarding fence along Heritage Lane. City working with property owner for resolution.**

E. Oral Communications –*Instruction to staff regarding actions on current Oral Communications.* **Commissioner Marchetti informed Staff of her disappointment that the proposed project on 14651 Farwell Avenue is being reviewed by HPC after it was previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. Marchetti recommended that the City provide additional training to Staff regarding Historic Preservation.**

### 2. New Business

A. **14651 Farewell Ave.** – Proposed fence exception attached to two existing pilasters. The existing pilasters may have been part of the 20021 Bella Vista (Rancho Bella Vista). Planning Commission requested applicant submit to HPC for review. **Commission discussed. Marchetti moved to add the existing pilasters and gate to be added to the Heritage Resource Inventory, Cappello second. Ayes 5, Noes 1 (Conrado). Cappello moved to approve proposed design with the exception of keeping existing pilaster and gate. Gomersall second. Commission conditioned approval to authorize the removal of the wood cladding on the existing gate if required. Ayes 6, Noes 0.**

B. **21000 Big Basin Way (Hakone Gardens)** – Hakone Foundation has

proposed to rebuild their existing Wisteria Arbor (Fuji-dana). Hakone Gardens is listed on the Heritage Resource Inventory as a Historic Landmark. **Gomersall recuse. Commission discussed. Cappello moved to approve maintenance to existing Wisteria Arbor, Marchetti second. Ayes 5, Noes 0.**

C. **20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. (McWilliams House)** – Saratoga Historical Foundation has proposed to remodel an existing storage shed into a old school house. The McWilliams House is listed on the Heritage Resource Inventory as a Historic Landmark. **Commission discussed. Shah moved to approve remodel of storage shed into usable school house. Marchetti second. Ayes 6, Noes 0.**

### **3. Old Business**

A. HPC Training – Preservation and Sustainability Video (showing 10/13/11 in Admin Conf. Room) **Reminded HPC that the Preservation and Sustainability Video would be shown at 4:00pm**

B. Hakone Gardens – Application for National Register (update) **Commissioner Cappello gave an update to the HPC regarding the submittal. Commissioner Cappello to work offline with Commissioners Shah and Marchetti.**

### **4. Adjournment**

Adjourn to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2011, Warner Hutton House, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue. **Meeting adjourned.**