



City of Saratoga

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. for Site Visits (Reconvene at Warner Hutton House by approximately 9:15am)

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

1. Routine Organization

A. Roll Call

ATTENDED: Marra, Gomersall, Shah, Conrado, Cappello, Heid

ABSENT: Marchetti

B. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2011 meeting **Shah moved to approve, Gomersall second. Ayes 6, Noes 0.**

C. Posting of Agenda – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was posted on November 3, 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.* **Chair Conrado provided update on Carlson House located at West Valley College. Due to financial constraints, house may either be moved or torn down. Community Development Director James Lindsay introduced himself to the HPC.**

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

2. New Business

A. **20330 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road (The Deodars)** – The property owner at 20330 Saratoga-Los Gatos Rd. is requesting recommendation from the HPC for approval to establish a Mills Act Agreement with the City of Saratoga. The property is listed on the Heritage Resource Inventory as a Historic Landmark. **Gomersall moved to approve, Marra second. Commission discussed. Ayes 6, Noes 0. Recommendation approved.**

B. **14901 Fruitvale Avenue (Sunshine Williams)** – The property owner at 14901 Fruitvale Ave. is requesting recommendation from the HPC for approval to establish a Mills Act Agreement with the City of Saratoga. The property is listed on the Heritage Resource Inventory as a Historic Landmark. **Heid moved to approve, Marra second. Commission discussed. Cappello argued the existing entry door to be inconsistent and out of character with National-Style architecture. Due to the modern changes, the house lacked integrity. Ayes 3, Noes 3. Recommendation neither approved nor denied.**

3. Old Business

- A. Overview of Preservation and Sustainability Video **Commission discussed presentation which argued the connection between sustainability and historic preservation.**
- B. Update on City Council / Heritage Preservation Commission Joint Meeting Agenda **Staff reminded HPC that the top three discussion topics for the HPC/CC joint meeting were as follows.**
 - a. **Create and Maintain Heritage Tree List**
 - b. **Increase # of homes on Heritage Resource Inventory**
 - c. **Preserve post WWII buildings by asking property owners to apply**

Chair Conrado request Staff update the HPC on number of properties reviewed and added to Inventory in 2011. Conrado requested Staff verify number of property owners that have applied for Mills Act in 2011. Staff informed Chair Conrado that the HPC will be updated by 11/18.

- C. Review of the Landmark Designation for the City of Saratoga **Staff informed HPC that the Saratoga is considered a California Historic Landmark. California Historical Landmarks (CHLs) are buildings, structures, sites, or places that have been determined to have statewide historical significance. CHLs are governed by the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC). The SHRC is a nine-member state review board, appointed by the Governor, with responsibilities for the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.**

4. Adjournment

Adjourn to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2011, Warner Hutton House, 13777 Fruitvale Avenue. Meeting adjourned.