

Heritage Preservation Board
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2007

Miscellaneous Business

A. Call to Order

Co-Chair Nancy Curley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Boardmembers Sallyanne Wilson, Marilyn River, Helen Heitkamp, Kathleen Kearley-Green Planning Director Nancy Kaufman, Planner Kristin Teiche and Recording Secretary Nathalie Bamatter.

Absent: Chair Grayson Marshall, Boardmember(s) Jim Adams

Staff Report – Kristin Teiche: None

Planner Teiche informed the Board that 105 King Street was on the market. Star Academy withdrew their application to convert the property to a school as they found a more suitable location in San Rafael. The property consists of five lots on two parcels of record.

Regular Business Items:

1. Amendment of Larkspur's Inventory of Historic Resources.
Prepare and organize for upcoming public outreach program to notify affected property owners of the Heritage Preservation Boards proposal to add to, and remove, residential structures from the Inventory of Historic Resources.

The Board thought that the format used to present to the City Council should be used for the public outreach. They asked that handouts be available for the public: Benefit Sheet Current Inventory List, Design Review Criteria, List of homes to be removed and list of homes proposed for addition.

The dates chosen for the special outreach were: Saturday, May 5th, Thursday, May 10 and Monday, May 21, 2007.

The meeting would be conducted as follows:

- Chair Grayson Marshall to welcome attendees, introduce staff and Consultant Dan Peterson and set the tone for the meeting
- Boardmember Nancy Curley to provide some background on the Heritage Preservation Board and the Inventory of Historic Resources
- Planner Kristin Teiche to explain how zoning and design review applies to a historic home
- A powerpoint presentation from Dan Peterson

- A Question and Answer session
- Closing remarks

2. Items for Board Review and/or Comment

- Draft Notice for upcoming public outreach hearings – Board provided staff with comments requesting changes in the format and language of the notice. Staff will revise accordingly.
- Progress report on Book Committee re-write of Larkspur Past and Present Boardmember Heitkamp said that they do not have a sample layout yet but expect it in about a week. She thought that Paul Pena would possibly supply 9-10 photos from his collection of photos to be used in the new book.

She also related a recent interview with Bob Smith regarding the controversial history of The Tamalpais Retirement facility. She also reviewed copies of the City minutes.

Boardmember River said that they are anticipated printing 2000-2500 copies. The cost for printing has been quoted as high as \$40,000.

- ReStore Funds – Discuss and prepare a recommendation to the City Council on use of funds. As part of Boardmember River's comment above it was suggested that the Board approach the City Council to use the funds from the now defunct Restore Fund program to fund the printing of the new book. Apparently there is also approximately \$20,000 in accrued interest that possibly could be used to fund the book printing or other heritage projects. Some ideas for the funds were to beautify the downtown with the addition of benches, tree guards and trees or using the funds towards archival work such as scanning data, creating an electronic filing system and other conservation ideas.
- City Attorney response regarding court decision for Palo Alto historic homes. Apparently there were no concerns regarding this issue.

3. Announcements and Attachments:

Minute taker Bamatter informed the Board that the banner from 1909 was sent to the DeYoung Museum's fabric conservation department for an evaluation. She will keep the Board informed of the progress.

4. Approval of Minutes: Boardmember Wilson moved, seconded by Boardmember River to approve the minutes of March 19, 2007 as amended.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting day, May 21, 2007 (Special meeting/outreach dates: May 5 and May 10)

Adjournment

Boardmember River moved, seconded by Boardmember Wilson, to adjourn the April 16, 2007 meeting of the Heritage Preservation Board at 7:40 p.m. Board Members unanimously approved this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathalie Bamatter
Recording Secretary