

**Historic Resources Advisory Committee
Redwood City Hall
1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City**

MINUTES

October 13, 2005
City Council Chambers
7:30 p.m.

APPROVED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bursak, J. Cloud, J. Munro, J. Pellizzer, N. Radcliff and Chair Rolandelli

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: D. LoCoco

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Jany, K. Mateo

GUESTS: M. Simoulin

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

1. Approval of Action Minutes for September 8, 2005

M/S: (Bursak/Pellizzer) to approve the Minutes of September 8, as corrected.

Motion passed with exception of Woodshop Update – Sequoia High School due to some clarification needs from the school district.

2. Roosevelt Park Monument – Protection and Preservation

Staff Jany reported that a police report was filed and an investigation will be done. There is no solution yet as to what will be done to the existing granite marker. Signs of vandalism were also on the back of monument. A suggestion being made is by the Parks Department is to relocate to a different spot in the park.

Committee Member Pellizzer stated that Parks and Recreation Superintendent Gary Hover is concerned about the monument and had taken the time to write down all the names that are on the monument. Mr. Hover would not have any problems with moving marker back out of the way and allowing the sidewalk to continue exactly where it is.

Mr. Jany indicated that the granite rectangle is separating from its base and could be lifted and removed.

3. Centennial Neighborhood – Potential District Designation: see attached Planning Commission staff report, discussion and update

Chair Rolandelli, Vice-Mayor Pierce, Circa Consultant Sheila McElroy, Planners Jill Ekas, Tom Passanisi, Charles Jany and Planning Manager Michael Church drove around in the Centennial area to get a general overview of the area.

Chair Rolandelli stated that the idea was to get preliminary opinion as to whether or not that area qualifies as a historic district, whether local or National Register eligible. Chair Rolandelli said that Ms. McElroy felt that there is local district potential and the block

bounded by Warren, Allerton and Brewster looked very strong for district. Ms. McElroy will now take that area and draw boundaries for historic district purposes and then put together a report for a context statement.

Mr. Jany suggested taking Committee Members on a tour.

Mr. Jany reported that he is trying to put a map together showing the different periods of construction of these homes and once we have the map get a good idea of the four types: Type 1 – before 1906, Type 2 – 1906 to Depression, Type 3 – Depression to World War II, Type 4 - after World War II.

Committee Member Bursak would like to know why there are some parcels numbers without addresses on the inventory sheet. Mr. Jany stated that he will verify at a later meeting. These could be City or County owned parcels.

4. Sequoia Union High School Plaques update and Time Capsules

➤ Time Capsules

Mr. Jany had a meeting with Rich Haywood, Chair Rolandelli, Nancy Oliver, and Rosemary Filippi-Fischer at the site to confirm the layout. The group visited the basement containing boxes full of the time capsules and noticed that they are being adequately stored and are well protected. The group also visited the graduation slabs that are stored elsewhere on campus.

Chair Rolandelli stated that Rich Haywood indicated that they were going to start doing something this fall to get the numbers re-installed.

➤ Wood Shop Update

Mr. Jany said Kent Brown of the school district will provide staff and Committee members with plans of the proposed new woodshop, which has not been approved.

Chair Rolandelli stated that Kent Brown was going to forward the Committee's request for a Engineer's report on to the Senior District Administrators for their approval, the request is in and Committee and staff have not heard back.

5. Properties for Historic District designation (Dave LoCoco and Chair Rolandelli for map)

This item is continued to next agenda

6. "Tune Up Your Historic Preservation Ordinance:"

Committee Member Bursak stated this will be continued to the next meeting.

7. Oral Communications and Matters of Committee Interest:

➤ Artifacts Disposition Update

Mr. Jany referred to the artifacts recovered at the retail cinema project site, and some of the thirty items that were selected by the Sequoia Alumni Association. Two independent opinions gave Mr. Jany the artifacts worth and concurred that a majority were not of any commercial value. The City Charter seems to indicate that if the items are not of any commercial value then there could be some disposal of the artifacts. Mr. Jany is meeting with the City Attorney to finalize the final statement and list and will provide the box to the Sequoia Alumni Association to display for educational purposes. The ones that have value appear to be in a different category and may need a different process.

- **Courthouse Project – information update from staff on project compliance with the Secretary of Interior’s standards for reconstruction**
Staff indicated that the earlier FTB plans showed that the side pavilions had a glass roof, now they will have a patinated bronze metal roof, the height will still be the same. Portico mounted lamps would be a stealth type of light painted to match “FRP”. Pictures of the freestanding lamps were found and showed ornamental eagles on top of the central ball.
- **Historic Resources Inventory – staff update**
To be continued.
- **2301-03 Broadway, Mayers’ Building – staff update on building permit**
Mr. Jany reported that the Engineering plan checking process for the building permit was on schedule, and plans are close to being approved. The applicant’s intent is to build at least the shell.
- **League of California Cities – 2005 Conference Brochure**
Left over from last agenda
- **Redwood Creek Proposal**
Sharon DeBell of Peter Calendar and Associates brought before Council and staff a proposal to re-open Redwood Creek as an urban design feature. She will be invited to show her PowerPoint presentation once changes are made.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Chair Rolandelli received a call from Gary Hover, Parks and Recreation superintendent, to get together a group of interested parties together to discuss the Solari windmill. Chair Rolandelli appointed Committee Member Pellizzer to be the Committee’s representative. She attended a meeting that took place yesterday and reported that the stakeholders for the Solari Windmill Restoration met, which included Mitch Postel, John Edmonds, Jeri Joseph and Jim Munro, to discuss a potential relocation of the windmill. The HUCA were not thrilled with idea of putting the windmill on the property because it was not appropriate. HRAC needs to try to identify and locate an appropriate site for windmill; first selection is any kind of City property, a place where children would have access to it (park or school), County, State or Federal land or private property. The stakeholders would like to attend the next HRAC meeting to hear results so that they can move forward to secure that site. The stakeholders would like to get a title search of the Solari property to find out who the previous owners were so that the actual history of the property can be traced.

Committee Member Munro went to Redwood City archives and read biography of Giobatta Solari and would like to look at aerial pictures of the Solari house.

Chair Rolandelli asked Committee Member Munro to work with Jean Thivierage to find out the history of the house prior to the Solari’s and have information for the next meeting.

Chair Rolandelli mentioned the letter from the United States Department of interior, National Parks Services, indicating that the Redwood City historic district has been certified. The next step is to get correspondence out to all the property owners and let them know what the benefits are to being in Redwood City’s new historic district.

Chair Rolandelli read the winner's names from the Mayor's Beautification Awards for Historic Preservation related projects.

12. Adjournment

M/S: (Bursak/Radcliff) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:28PM to reconvene at the next regular HRAC meeting scheduled for November 10, 2005, 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

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