

**Historic Resources Advisory Committee  
Redwood City Elementary School District Offices  
750 Bradford Street  
Redwood City**

## **MINUTES**

January 8, 2009  
Redwood City Hall  
7:00 p.m.

## **APPROVED**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Bursak, Dee Eva, Vice Chair James Gernard, Nori Jabba, Julia Pellizzer and Chair Ken Rolandelli

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rachel Holt

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Jany, Kristina Mateo

**Guests:** Kaia Eakin, Paul DeStefano, John Hammerschmidt

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

The approval of minutes of September 11, 2008, November 25, 2008 and December 11, 2008 was continued due to lack of a quorum.

### **2. Path of History Update**

Committee Member Dee Eva said that she made a presentation to the Archives Committee, including John Edmonds (Chair), Mike Bursak-Jim Clifford, etc. The Committee has decided to discard the grant idea. Some historic photos may have to be put in store windows, outside or freestanding. Ms. Eva is working to finalize the signs and get a cost estimate. Ms. Eva is looking to see if money is available from Redevelopment (\$8,000) to assist with the project. The text for the individual plaques is currently being reviewed and a determination needs to be made about "where and how big" the displays could be and, if applicable, what windows and properties would be eligible. Ms. Eva will collect comments from the rest of the HRAC for the next meeting in February.

Mr. Jany passed around a brochure for the Franklin Bronze Plaques.

Mr. Rolandelli asked if Redondo Beach had something similar?

Mr. Gernard said markers need to be easily replaceable and the maps could identify more buildings than there would be signs, so the map could be updated easily. His recommendation was for the map and the signs to match up with the descriptive headings and not use index letters or numbers, so that the maps could be updated without affecting all of the signs and you can insert new signs as time and funds allow.

Ms. Eva said she didn't think it was necessary to put index letters on the signs.

Mr. Gernard said he thought the map should show a representation of the Redwood Creek's path.

Ms. Eva said Gary Kelly had prepared a "Path of History" brochure and map for the City.

Mr. Rolandelli asked the Committee to look at the map and give suggestions to Dee either by email or wait until the March meeting. Dee will send the comments to Kristina.

Ms. Eva suggested that the History Museum sell booklets (containing more historical details) and/or these could be made available for purchase city-wide.

Kaia Eakin, a Redwood City Resident, said that she liked the pamphlets and suggested using numbers instead of letters.

The Committee felt that the tour should not have any order, beginning or end.

### **3. Expanded Main Street Historic District Update**

Mr. Jany said Sheila McElroy (Circa consultants) has been retained to assist with this work.

Mr. Rolandelli said he would like the triangle parcel on Main Street in the Downtown Precise Plan identified as soon as possible.

Mr. Jany said that documentation by a historian identifying its historic status (if any) is needed.

### **4. National Preservation Month School Tours**

Ms. Jabba said a special meeting was scheduled at the District Offices which would be treated as a regular HRAC agenda (public notice) due to the fact that the HRAC would have a quorum.

Mr. Jany confirmed that an agenda for the meeting will be made and posted. He suggested said the HRAC prepare specific talking points.

Mr. Rolandelli shared a letter from the Redwood City School District (refer to the attached email of September 5 from Liz Wolfe to Nori Jabba) and added that this could be used as framework for discussion.

### **5. 2008 CLG Report**

Mr. Jany said the CLG report has been sent to SHPO and placed on the City's Web site. Some of the challenges included the need to update the Historic Inventory. The State Office of Historic Preservation staff will need to provide assistance at the time of certification of the updated Historic Inventory.

The State says to upgrade and update all the paperwork since the last inventory is from 1976.

Mr. Jany said he did not have the final list completed, due to a final effort to document more historic resources in or near the Downtown.

### **6. Oral Communications and Matters of Committee Interest**

#### **245 Alden**

Paul Destefano said that he would follow the approval plans and that the salvage of the window, porch and other items, would be followed as requested by the HRAC.

Mr. Bursak said that he had noted that there were problems with the existing pier foundation and that he would like to insure that the preservation work on the subject resource last a long time. He added that the front porch and dry rot on the top plate of the landing will require careful "clean up".

John Hammerschmidt said that he was providing plans for new windows.

- a) Mills Act properties – open for public tours?  
Mr. Jany said that he had not been able to reach the City of Monterrey. Item to be continued to a future agenda.
- b) Sequoia High School Graduation Plaques  
Item to be continued to a future agenda.
- c) Historic Background Report for Historic Preservation Element of General Plan update  
Mr. Jany referred to the minutes from the HRAC December 11, 2008 meeting, which need to be finalized. The minutes will then be sent to Tom Passanisi who will forward this to the City's consultant.
- d) Downtown Precise Plan Update Process  
Mr. Jany said that a new draft database has been created and contains three levels of evaluation. Out of approximately 100 properties, the age (over 50 years old) , architectural style and level of integrity of each resource has been considered in order to evaluate whether each property was a resource (or potential resource) as opposed to a non-resource. All the information will be sent to the consultant, and this will be forward to the HRAC for confirmation that the work is adequate, complete and in done in conformance to applicable local, State and Federal historic standards.

Mr. Gernand asked if the changes to the DTPP contained a different list that what is in the original DTPP.

Mr. Jany replied that the City has now expanded their documentation process and included the expansion zone and all properties within one block from the DTPP area.

#### **Other Committee Interest Items**

Mr. Jany referred to a handout/brochure on "Energy Pac" windows brochure for 427 Stambaugh Street. They are metal sashes and will be designed to match historic profiles. The owner Ms. Lai has committed to rehabilitating her property, including the windows (7) .

#### **7. Adjournment**

**M/S (Eva/Jabba)** to adjourn to reconvene at 7:00 PM on February 12, 2009 in Council Chambers, City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.