

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

MINUTES

June 11, 2009
City Hall Council Chambers
7:00pm

APPROVED

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bursak, D. Eva, Vice Chair Gernard, R. Holt, and Chair Rolandelli

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: N. Jabba, J. Pellizzer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Principal Planner Jany, Assistant Planner Rogers

GUESTS PRESENT: Jamie Rice, Evie Rice, Peter Sorci

1. Approval of Minutes

The approval of minutes of May 8, 2009 was continued due to lack of quorum.

2. Disposition of 1909 Wm. J. Dingee plaque (item taken out of order)

After presentation by Mr. Peter Sorci of the Window Factory and discussion with property owners of 439 Stambaugh Street, the Committee considered various options for windows.

This involved the following:

- Window tyoe (i.e. metal, wood, vinyl),
- Window profile flat extruded muntins, and incorporated muntins,
- Window construction details, dimensions of window muntins, drop horns, etc.,
- Window visibility from street,
- Number of windows to be changed
- Related trim and finishes

After extensive discussion the committee determined that the Peachtree window would be considered appropriate replacement in kind. In addition, the Committee noted that the key issue was to find a balance between selecting the most appropriate window per the Secretary of Interior Standards and the high relative high cost of installing appropriate windows (wood type profile with extruded muntins Peachtree brand) as opposed to flat vinyl windows (Alin brand).

M/S (Dee/Gernand)

The Committee voted 3 to 2 Bursak and Holt opposing to approve window replacement program as follows:

- 11 visible windows to be Peachtree
- Balance of windows to be Alin vinyl type

The property owners and window contractors provided the committee with cost comparisons of the different windows. Mr. Jany added that the property owner's work included over 1,000 lineal feet of redwood trim as well as repainting the entire exterior of the house. Committee members Holt and Bursak felt that a consistent window type should be installed throughout the house irrespective of the visibility of the windows from the street. The Committee felt that the window changes are considered a significant action on a Historical Resource and if Alin windows are installed the Planning Commission would need to take final action on the proposed change.

M/S (Holt/Bursak)

The Committee voted 4 to 1 Dee opposing to approve the window replacement as follows:

- All windows to be Peachtree
- The owner has the option to install the street visible windows and hold back the installation of the other windows until additional funds become available

The HRAC determined that the Peachtree windows would not need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission as they are in-kind replacements

3. Historic Redwood City “Path of History” update

Mrs. Eva explained that she had requested \$20,000 from the Cultural Commission. She added that she had attended a mixer with Wells Fargo who had offered a \$10,000 matching grant. The Archives Committee offered \$1,000 towards this effort. Mr. Jany explained that bids for the kiosk and plaque project were being reviewed by Wells Fargo and a late July construction date was anticipated.

Mrs. Eva explained the concept of painting a blue line and stencil “Original outline of Redwood Creek” on the public right-of-way which was unanimously supported by the committee.

4. Expanded Main Street Historic District update

Chair Rolandelli referred to the packets that were sent to the State Office of Historic Preservation; the next step is to meet and discuss with the State Preservationist.

5. National Historic Preservation Month debrief (2009)

Chair Rolandelli explained that 721 7th grade students successfully benefited from the tour lunch and bus pick up and drop off program and reviewed the thank you letters which he sent to contributors.

6. Disposition of 1909 Wm. J. Dingee plaque

Mr. Bursak will verify with the archives committee through the micro-fiche disk access period of newspapers to try and correlate the date on the plaque with a possible dedication ceremony.

7. Edgewood Park/Wellesley Tract survey area/neighborhood

The Committee discussed the City Attorney’s process for establishing a quorum when HRAC members are conflicted (i.e. residing in an area considered for historic designation). In instances where this occurs, the committee members “with potential conflict” would be randomly selected in order to have a quorum.

8. Historic Element of the General Plan (finalization comments, Planning Commissioner meeting of June 16, 2009)

Chair Rolandelli confirmed that Vice Chair Gernand would be attending the June 16, 2009 Planning Commission meeting in his stead. The Committee proceeded with a page by page review of the draft element and reviewed and supported some modifications offered by Vice Chair Gernand (Mr. Gernand’s wife who is a professional editor had assisted him with edits of clarification not content).

9. Oral Communications and Matters of Committee Interest:

• **Ampex/Stanford project update**

Mr. Rolandelli referred to page 450 of the recently published entitled “Redwood City a Hometown History” indicating the Ampex’s Corporation’s (Redwood City) significant contributions to the field of multi-media electronics. He felt Ms. Jones’ comments largely understated that role. Mr. Jany explained that the City’s consultant had provided a peer review of Laura Jones’ report on Ampex and the Committee will be provided an opportunity to comment during the CEQA “review and comment” period for the project

- San Mateo County History Museum signage update (see attached Notice of Official Action) to be provided at the July 9, 2009 meeting.
- July 9th meeting – Mr. Jany explained that Christopher Rogers will be the staff liaison for the July 9th meeting.
- 427 Stambaugh – the Committee agreed to set up a meeting in late July to inspect the site for the potential Mills Act contract.

10. Adjournment

M/S: (Pellizzer/Eva) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM to reconvene at 7:00 PM on July 9, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.