

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Sanchez, and Board Members Saxby, Hernandez and Borthwick.

Absent: Vice Chair Jones

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

2024-4141 – Public Comment

Comment can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6717203&GUID=5A7A1B2A-216D-460F-BA7B-327255F52DF2>.

Christopher Buckley (*0:57) from the AAPS discussed a letter the society sent about the Historical Study List and corrections the list needed. He discussed how some of the addresses were incorrect and how they were not coming up correctly in the GIS system. He stressed how important it was that the list was accurate and that an update was needed.

Shelby Sheehan (*4:11) accused the board of trying to get illegal projects approved. She accused the Planning department of stealing the agenda of the Historic board. She then discussed what she believed was the proper process of reviewing historic items. She then wanted to discuss the infill *guidelines. She then discussed public doctrine and she discussed public rights.

**Chair Sanchez pointed out to Speaker Sheehan this was a discussion and she could comment during that agenda item.*

Carmen Reid, via Zoom, (*8:18) believed that the *Zoom link was not working. She commented on the Big Whites, and she was concerned at the lack of maintenance, and she discussed in detail issues that needed to be addressed.

*Zoom was tested, and it was working, the link needed to be copied and pasted in its entirety.

3. MINUTES

3-A 2024-4105 -Historical Advisory Board Draft Meeting Minutes - October 5, 2023

Board Member Hernandez made a motion (*17:04) to approve the minutes from October 5th, 2023, and Board Member Borthwick seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 3-0, Board Member Saby abstained due to his absence at the meeting.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4-A 2024-4129

Alameda Point Historic District Design Guidelines for New Building

David Sablan, Planner II, introduced this item (*17:38) and gave a presentation.

The staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6709899&GUID=14CCD66E-B240-4177-B55E-E3FB2725623B&FullText=1>.

Board clarifying questions start at the 26:23-minute mark in the video.

Public Comment for 4A

Shelby Sheehan (*38:59) accused the city of destroying the historic characteristics of the historic district and said that was the political agenda of the city. She accused city staff of fraud and lies. She tried referencing items from the Alameda Municipal Code about proper steps for demolition. She discussed when Certificate of Approvals and CEQA review were needed.

Christopher Buckley (*42:19) from the AAPS, discussed a letter the society sent. He commented on language in this document that needed clarification. He gave suggestions on language that should be included, especially language around the Historic Districts.

Carmen Reid, via Zoom, (*45:30) gave support for the AAPS letter that was sent. She discussed what elements she liked and then discussed her concerns about the view corridors. She asked that these areas stay open to the public.

Action for item 4A

Board discussion and clarifying questions start at the 48:04-minute mark in the video.

Allen Tai, Planning Building & Transportation Director, was available for questions and offered clarification (*1:10:17)

This was a discussion item, and no formal action was taken. It was discussed that this would come before the board again at a later date.

4-B 2024-4131 - PLN24-0145 - 2151 Ferry Point - Applicant: Little Opera House, LLC. - Public Workshop on Radium Theatre Performing Arts Center Development Plan. Public workshop to discuss the proposed Radium Theatre Performing Arts Center. The project location is comprised of Blocks 12 & 13 in the Site A Development Plan, an approximately 2.13-acre site on the west side of Pan Am Way near the intersection of West Atlantic Avenue. CEQA Determination: The draft Development Plan is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act. No final action on the environmental review or the Development Plan will take place at this meeting.

Brian McGuire, Planner II, introduced (*1:15:12) this item and gave a presentation.

Staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6709900&GUID=B0C90C93-19C5-497A-871C-667AF31AA180&FullText=1>.

The applicant also gave a presentation (*1:25:20).

Board clarifying questions start at the 1:37:45 minute mark in the video.

Public Comment for 4B

Shelby Sheehan (*1:54:27) discussed what she believed was correct land uses. She said the presentation was incorrect and said this building was completely wrong use for this site. She believed it blocked the view corridors and was illegal. She then gave design and architectural advice, and she then described all the different things this violated.

Christopher Buckley (*1:57:49) wanted to see elevations for all the sides. He said it would be ideal to preserve both view corridors, and then he suggested a new site. He wanted to know if the building footprint could be reduced.

Carmen Reid, via Zoom, (*1:59:57) said how much she loved the arts and was a huge supporter of the arts. She then discussed the need to preserve the view corridor and gave a suggestion of a different location. She then discussed the overall size of the theater.

Carol Gottstein, via Zoom, (*2:03:12) discussed her history with Alameda. She urged the board to protect the view corridors from the Navy Air Museum.

Action for 4B

Board questions and discussion start at the 2:04:53 minute mark in the video.

Chair Sanchez made a motion (2:11:18) made a motion for Board Members Hernandez and Borthwick to be the HAB representatives to work with the Planning Board on this project.

5. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Sanchez thanked Board Member Saxby for his service, this was his last meeting.

Board Member Borthwick asked if they could change the hours of the meetings, to make them earlier in the day.

Manager Buckley explained that process, which would include changing the bylaws.

6. Staff Communications

Manager Buckley gave an update (*2:20:12) on the new HAB members.

7. Adjournment

Chair Sanchez adjourned at 8:21pm

**minute mark in the video*