

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

1. CONVENE

Acting Chair Vella called meeting to order at 7:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Board Members Jones, Piziali, Saxby and Vella. Absent: Board Member Chan

Staff Member Tai welcomed the two new board members. He said that because the Chair left the board, the bylaws state that the senior member of the board, Ms. Vella, chairs the meeting and that there is an item on the agenda for Board Elections tonight.

3. MINUTES

None

4. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSION

Staff Member Tai recommended continuing item 7-A to 10/6/16 to be able to include some late refinements.

Board Member Piziali made a motion to continue item 7-A. Board Member Vella seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

At staff's request, Staff Communications was moved to the front of the agenda.

*** 9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ***

Staff Member Tai introduced proclamations recognizing the service of departed Board Members Rauk and Owens. He thanked Former Chair Owens for his long service to the board and significant contributions to major decisions in Alameda.

Board Member Vella thanked Mr. Owens and read the proclamation.

Mr. Owens said there were two pieces of unfinished business from his time on the board. He said the 30% of value trigger and penalty sections in the preservation ordinance need updating. He also said we needed to work on a Mills Act ordinance. He encouraged the board to take those items on in the coming years.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7-B 2016-3275

PLN16-0383 - Certificate of Approval - 2300 Monarch Street (Bldgs 614 and 405). Applicant: City of Alameda. Public hearing to consider a Certificate of Approval to relocate and reuse three (3) Quonset Huts from the Northwest Territory at Alameda Point to 2300 Monarch Street as part of a retrofit to Buildings 614 and 405 (non-contributing structures) in the NAS Alameda Historic District. The environmental effects of the proposed project were considered in the Alameda Point Environmental Impact Report. No further environmental review is required.

Staff Member Tai introduced the item and historian Pierluigi Serraino, who gave a presentation on the Quonset Huts. The staff report and attachments can be found at: <https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2820181&GUID=1D9089D8-D91E-4C28-93EE-1AF5B50531AB&FullText=1>

Staff Member Tai clarified that the City is the owner of the huts and the destination site. He said they are working with a potential wine producer to operate at the site.

Board Member Vella asked whether the design review would come before the HAB.

Staff Member Tai said that it would go to Planning Board and not necessarily come back to HAB.

Board Member Saxby asked how we address the idea of adding buildings to the Historic District and whether adding period buildings would add a sense of false historicism.

Mr. Serraino said that the historic district would need interventions in the landscape in any reprogramming and the huts' existence and use throughout the base helps them fit in.

Board Member Vella said that she has concerns with schemes that attach the huts to existing structures. She said she would prefer placing them in a regimented pattern similar to their use on the base in the past. She said the wide roadways make placement too near the road a concern. She said she was also concerned with preservation of the view corridors. She said preserving the structures through the move and in their new use and modifications should be a priority. She mentioned the need to address bike parking in any plans at the site.

There were no public speakers.

Board Member Piziali said he supported using a regimented placement apart from other structures.

Board Member Saxby said the temporary and utilitarian nature of the buildings helps him accept the idea of adding buildings that will be interpreted as original and historical to the district. He said he would want to see some restraint in how they are utilized.

Staff Member Tai explained that the board has the option to include some of their concerns as conditions of approval for moving the buildings to the site within the Historic District. He said staff would prefer to keep some flexibility because they are trying to lure a tenant to the site and have not worked out the programming yet.

Board Member Piziali made a motion to approve the relocation with the conditions that: any alteration or attachment would show restraint in preserving the original form, placement and arrangement should be in a regimented pattern consistent with historical uses, and preserves view corridors. Board Member Jones seconded the motion, with the amendment to factor in preservation during transport. Board Member Piziali accepted the amendment. The motion passed 4-0.

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Board Elections

Board Member Piziali nominated Board Member Vella to be Chair. Board Member Saxby seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Board Member Vella nominated Board Member Piziali to be Vice Chair. Board Member Saxby seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

***** moved to before item 5 *****

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Saxby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.