

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

1. CONVENE

Chair Owens called meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Owens, Board Members Piziali and Vella. Absent: Vice-Chair Rauk, Board Member Chan.

3. MINUTES

3-A 2016-2647

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Chair Owens said that he reviewed the minutes and that they looked thorough.

Board Member Vella made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Piziali seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

4. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSION

None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Owens said they received information on the 41st Annual California Preservation Conference in San Francisco next month.

Staff Member Thomas said the City would send any Board Member that wanted to go and to let staff know so they can arrange it.

Chair Owens and Board Member Vella said they tried to sign up for an upcoming workshop in Benicia but had technical difficulties.

Staff Member Thomas said he would follow up on the issue.

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

7-A 2016-2642

Certificate of Approval, Site A-Block 11 and Waterfront Park. A certificate of approval for the plans for the Block 11 building adjacent to the NAS Historic District and the new Waterfront Park on the Seaplane Lagoon in the 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 Thomas introduced the item. The staff report and attachments can be found at:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2578061&GUID=C0324B6D-7679-4D72-B09E-1F41841574DE&FullText=1>

Chair Owens asked whether voting to approve certification tonight would involve approving the relocation of Pan Am Way and whether that should be included in the resolution.

Staff Member Thomas said it would and should be included.

Chair Owens pointed out an error contained in the drafting of the resolution that referenced the Planning Board and needed striking.

David Israel, BAR architects, the project architect for Block 11 gave a presentation on the building design and how it fit in with the historic context of the base.

April Phillips, landscape architect for the Waterfront Park, gave an overview of the park and shared plaza.

Board Member Vella asked about the water usage plans and whether we would use recycled water.

Ms. Phillips said they are exploring using recycled water. She said they have a very drought tolerant plan and are incorporating stormwater runoff into the plan as well as choices that will be tolerant of the salt air.

Board Member Vella asked about wind and the trees' placement close to the water.

Ms. Phillips said they are set back at 50 feet and have used fewer trees than most parks.

Chair Owens asked what type of trees would be used in the grove.

Ms. Phillips said they were considering ginko or "a couple of other" tree options. She said that they are still working with their horticulturalist to refine their plan.

Chair Owens said he was concerned that large, mature trees, depending on the species could block the view corridor to San Francisco.

Chair Owens asked whether the demolition of Building 544 needed to be included in the approval.

Staff Member Thomas said it should be included but was not a “contributor.”

Chair Owens said he liked the refinements that have been made and will have no problem supporting the resolution.

Board Member Vella said she also liked the changes to the plan.

Chair Owens said he would like to see changes to the resolution including: a limitation of tree height in the grove to 30 feet, the relocation of Pan Am Way, and the demolition of Building 544.

Board Member Vella made a motion to approve the resolution with amendments: 1) limiting the tree height in the grove to 30 feet at maturity, 2) acknowledge and approve the demolition of Building 544, 3) acknowledge and approve the relocation of Pan Am Way, and 4) adjusting the section referring to the Planning Board. Board Member Piziali seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Owens referenced a report on some trees that were approved to be removed from Central Ave. He said he did not see anything about requiring Public Works to replace them and that the HAB approvals required that.

Staff Member Thomas gave an update on what to expect regarding future Alameda Point developments. He said they would not be holding their April meeting.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Piziali made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Vella seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.