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MEETING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

1. CONVENE: 7:00
2. ROLL CALL: Chair Owens, Vice Chair Rauk, Board Members Hoffman and Lynch
3. MINUTES: Meeting of October 7, 2010. Adopted as amended.
4. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSIONS: None.
5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.
6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society submitted a comment letter to the board, which was distributed at the meeting. The letter requests that the Board include specific buildings into the City's NAS Historic District. Board member Lynch requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Chair Owens asked whether staff would be able to conduct the required research on the buildings that are proposed to be added to the list. Staff will return to the board at the next hearing with this information.

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

- 7-A **Certificate of Approval – PLN10-0262 – Phillip Banta – 2229 Clement.** The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Approval to allow removal of three existing pre-1942 industrial buildings.

Mr. Andrew Thomas, Planning Services Manager, presented the project.

Chair Owens asked whether any of the building material was salvageable.

Mr. Thomas explained that some old growth timber is likely salvageable, and that the City has a Construction and Demolition Ordinance that mandates recycling for each site.

Board Member Lynch suggested that the original DOW tower be rebuilt as part of the public art or for memorializing the history of the property. She requested that the Board be involved in the review, not approval, of the historic or art work that would memorialize the history of the site.

Mr. Thomas explained that the proposed developer will have to develop the public art or

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historic recognition program and that the proposals would return to the HAB for review and input.

Board member Lynch also suggested that the historic document researcher review the historic commercial pictures archives of the Alameda Museum.

Vice Chair Rauk asked whether there were any significant docks and waterfront structures at this site. She would like to see public access on this site that would be reminiscent of the previous uses, such as docks.

Mr. Thomas answered that the existing docks are results of more recent activities and were not evaluated as historic in the historic resources survey conducted for the Boatworks EIR. He then explained that the proposed park is not designed at this time, but that public access to the water would be accounted for.

Chair Owens opened the public comment period.

Mr. Kevin Frederick, Alameda resident, stated that the photographic documentation of the buildings is very important. He also stated that salvaging the old growth timber should be of paramount importance and he would like to have access to the information where the salvaged materials will be taken to. He agreed to provide two historic pictures he has on the buildings from the 1930s/1940s.

Chair Owens closed the public comment period.

Chair Owens, Vice Chair Rauk, and Board member Lynch discussed the period in which the Certificate of Approval for Demolition would remain valid. They agreed on allowing the Certificate of Approval to be valid for one year to expedite the demolition of the hazardous buildings, while allowing the property owner to document the buildings' history pursuant to the Mitigation Measures of the EIR for the proposed Boatworks Project as stated in MM E-1 and according to the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Level II documentation standards.

Chair Owens, Vice Chair Rauk, and Board member Lynch discussed and agreed to incorporate the EIR Mitigation measures into the resolution to ensure that documentation of the historic structures be conducted prior to the actual demolition of the buildings.

Motion to approve the resolution as amended made by Vice Chair Rauk, seconded by Board Member Lynch. Motion passes 3-0.

7-B Naval Air Station Combined Specific Buildings Survey and Evaluation Report/ Cold War Era Historic Resources Survey and Evaluation Report

Staff summarized the meeting held by the Navy on October 2nd.

Chair Owens asked for clarification on how the board's comments could be incorporated into the form sheet as requested by the navy.

Staff suggested that board members could provide comments at the meeting or send them via email to staff that would incorporate them.

Chair Owens opened the public comment period.

Ms. Elizabeth Greene, representative for Alameda Architectural Preservation Society, explained the nature of the comment letter submitted prior to the meeting. The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society requested that the Flight Control Tower, WAVES building, Seaplane Hangars 11 and 12, a Quonset hut, and three salute guns be listed on the City's NAS historic district to protect those resources during future redevelopment activities.

Chair Owens closed the public comment period.

Board Member Lynch requested that the board consider this request at the next available meeting and that the Transcontinental Railroad and Pan Am Clipper commemorative plaques and the time capsule be added to the historic sign inventory. She would also like to see the jets on the sticks be included on the street light standard list.

Chair Owens asked whether there was a Quonset hut within the existing boundaries and how long the salute guns have been there. He also stated that the WAVES building should not be relocated, as it would lose a lot of its integrity.

Ms. Greene stated that she would check on that info.

Motion was made by Chair Owens to submit comments to staff by Friday 12, 2010, seconded by Board Member Lynch. Motion passes 3-0.

7-C Historic Preservation Ordinance Workshop

Staff provided an update on the progress of the ordinance. The draft ordinance is currently under review by the City Attorney's office. No comments have been received from the business associations. **No action taken.**

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff explained the community involvement process and Brown Act requirements for the Alameda Point Going Forward Community Forums.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 pm.