

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011

1. CONVENE: 7:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Present: Chair Owens, Vice Chair Rauk, Board Members Hoffman, Jasper, and Lynch; Staff present: Simone Wolter, HAB Secretary; Erin Garcia, Recording Secretary
3. MINUTES: Meeting of November 4, 2010. Approved as amended 4-0-1. Board member Jasper abstained.
4. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSIONS:
Chair Owens requested that staff communications items 9-A and 9-B be moved to the regular agenda items to allow for public comments.
5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.
6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.
7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

7-A Certificate of Approval - PLN10-0336 – 535 and 535 ½ Pacific Avenue. The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Approval to remove approximately 274 square feet on the back of the pre-1942 building located on the front of the lot, as well as remove the residential building in the rear of the lot for a replacement in kind.

Ms. Simone Wolter presented the project.

Chair Owens asked for the Sanborn Map records available to staff. Staff explained that Sanborn maps are available that were last updated in 1918, 1948, and 1987.

Board member Hoffman pointed out that the blanket pre-1942 threshold is problematic and he would like to see it revisited. In this case, for instance, this building should have not have had to gone through the HAB, given its state. He stated that he is concerned about the multiple steps a property owner has to go through for properties in this state and of this nature, which severely hampers redevelopment.

He asked for a copy of the Historic Study List. Chair Owens, Jasper and Rauk also requested a copy.

Board member Hoffman motioned to approve the Certificate of Approval for Demolition, seconded by board member Lynch. Motion passes 5-0.

7-B Election of Chairperson.

Rauk motioned that Chair Owens remain chair of the Historical Advisory Board. Chair Owens accepted. Lynch seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

7-C Election of Vice Chairperson

Hoffman motioned that Vice Chair Rauk remain vice chair of the Historical Advisory Board. Chair Owens seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Board Member Lynch asked that the HAB recommend a historic preservation season proclamation to City Council for the March historic preservation season. Board member Lynch stated that she would provide the draft proclamation.

Chair Owens requested that the HAB discuss the American Institute of Architects, endangered buildings list designation at the next HAB meeting.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

9-A Ordinance Update

Ms. Simone Wolter, stated that the once comments are received from the City Attorney's office, staff would meet with the subcommittee first and then schedule it before the HAB.

Chair Owens asked when the subcommittee would meet with the realtor's association representatives and asked staff to coordinate this meeting at the earliest opportunity.

9-B Addition of buildings to Historic District

Staff presented an overview of the three options on how to proceed in adding structures and facilities to the City of Alameda NAS Historic District. She addressed staffing concerns, financial resources, and the process to add them to the City's Monument list, Historic Study List, or the alternative to not make any decision.

Board member Lynch favors Option B, which would list the resources on the Historic Study List, but not as a Monument on the City's Monument list.

Chair Owens, Vice Chair Rauk, and Hoffman favored Option B as well.

Board member Lynch volunteered to do research and develop preliminary language to document the nomination to the Historic Study List.

The Board agreed that this item would be returned to the HAB at the next possible meeting.

Chair Owens opened the public comment period.

Mr. Chris Buckley, Alameda resident, spoke in favor of listing the flight control tower as a historic resource on the Study List.

Chair Owens closed the public comment period and directed staff to bring this item to the next HAB meeting, if possible.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 p.m.