

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF ALAMEDA HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

1. CONVENE: 7:08 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Chair Owens, Vice-Chair Rauk, Board Members Hoffman, Jasper, and Lynch
3. MINUTES: Meeting of August 4, 2011 (postponed)
4. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSIONS: None.
5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Elizabeth Greene, Alameda Architectural Preservation Society member, asked the board about the status of the addition of Naval Air Station buildings and appurtenances to the City Study List. The board informed her that all structures as proposed had been listed on the Alameda Study List.

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

7. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

**7-A Certificate of Approval – PLN11-0247 – 1505 & 1507 Park Street – Dick Rutter.**  
The applicant is requesting to reface the bulkhead, install terrazzo tile on the floor, and refurbish existing materials. **Staff requested a continuation to the October 6, 2011 meeting for additional noticing.**

**7-B Scoping Session-2900 Main Street-Todd Shipyard Crane Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)-Notice of Preparation.**

Mary Bean, the Public Works consultant for this project, presented the draft environmental impact report process to the board.

Board member Lynch corrected the consultants' statement regarding the shipyard being solely listed on the Study List, not as a historic district. She then questioned who had made the decision that the crane should be taken down.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Planning Services Manager, elaborated on the decision making process that led to the conclusion that it would be taken down for safety and financial reasons.

Board member Lynch asked who currently owns this crane and who should have maintained it.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch explained that the crane was likely owned by the Navy at some time, but since the land surrounding this location had been transferred it to the City. She offered to check on this.

Chair Owens asked who was paying for the EIR and the crane removal.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch and the consultant clarified that the Draft/Final EIR study would be conducted for approximately \$70,000 and the removal would be covered by the Public Works Department.

Chair Owens asked whether there would be other opportunities to speak on this issue.

The consultant and Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch explained that the Draft and Final EIR would return to the HAB, as well as the City Council.

Board member Lynch asked what kind of mitigation measures would be proposed for this crane demolition.

The consultant explained that several mitigation measures, such as reevaluating the district for eligibility for inclusion on the National or California Register, or prepare archival large-format photographs, develop historic structures report, or an oral history project, a public history and interpretive display. The impact would remain unavoidable, therefore a EIR is required.

Board member Hoffman asked whether the structure itself was historic, or whether it was a contributing structure.

The consultant confirmed that the crane was a contributing structure to the district.

Chair Owens asked whether the crane track was also deemed hazardous.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch proposed to include this question in the EIR scope.

Board member Hoffman asked when the crane was built.

The consultant stated that it was likely constructed during WWII.

Chair Owens stated that it seemed like there were three options regarding the crane: 1) remove the crane, 2) move the crane down the tracks to eliminate the hazard to WETA, or 3) move the ferry terminal.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch pointed out that the ferry terminal no longer is under City of

Alameda jurisdiction. She stated that the crane is likely a liability regardless of where it stands, but that this should be included as an alternative in the EIR.

Chair Owens stated that he would like the Draft EIR, and if the Historic Report is made public, see both return to the HAB for comments.

**7-C Public Workshop – PLN08-0463 – City of Alameda**

The City of Alameda and Historical Advisory Board Sub-Committee will hold a workshop to introduce the Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance to the full Board and the public. A brief overview will be presented to highlight new aspects of the ordinance and receive public input. As a workshop, input will be gathered, but no actions will be made at this meeting. **This workshop was continued to the HAB hearing on October 6, 2011.**

**8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:**

Board member Lynch announced that the Alameda Home Tour would be on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and would benefit the Alameda Museum and the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society.

**9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch announced that Lori Taylor is the new Community Development Director and started on August 22, 2011.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch announced that Judith Altschueler is helping the department sort through files for archiving.

**10. ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.**