

CARSON CITY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

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A meeting of the Carson City Historic Resources Commission (HRC) was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2012, in the Carson City Community Center, Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Michael Drews
Commissioner Jed Block
Commissioner Elizabeth Dickey
Commissioner Gregory Hayes
Commissioner Lou Ann Speulda

STAFF: Lee Plemel, Planning Director
Jennifer Pruitt, Principal Planner
Moreen Scully, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:50) – Chairperson Drews called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Darney and Commissioner Smit were absent.

B. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (5:31:10) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Pruitt requested combining agenda items F1 and F2.

C. DISCLOSURES (5:31:55) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item and disclosed that he and Ms. Pruitt had met several times regarding agenda items F1 and F2.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5:32:57) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

E. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:33:47) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. **Commissioner Speulda moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hayes. Motion carried 5-0.**

F. PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS

F-1 HRC-12-129 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER FUTURE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (HPF) GRANT PROJECT(S) FOR 2013. (5:35:08) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item and noted that item F2 would also be addressed at this time. Ms. Pruitt wished to address item F2 first and gave background on the grant. She explained that the \$15,000 HPF grant, awarded earlier in the year, was specified for work to be done to the Anderson and Lompa ranches, and the Kings Canyon Road inventory. She added that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had specified that the Kings Canyon Road inventory address the properties acquired by Carson City, working closely with Forest Service and Open Space staffs. Ms. Pruitt reminded the Commission that the \$15,000 grant required a \$10,000 match. She also stated that she had met with Chairperson Drews and Juan Guzman, Carson City Open Space Manager to discuss the scope of work and to possibly focus on the Kings Canyon part of the project, postponing the other two areas to 2013. Ms. Pruitt announced that the 2011 grant had been completed and accepted by SHPO. She also reminded the Commission that the deadline for the 2013 grant was December 3, 2012 and entertained Commissioner comments and questions.

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(5:39:30) – Chairperson Drews received confirmation that the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) had a nomination for Lompa Ranch. He also gave background on Kings Canyon Road and noted that the required match could be leveraged by working closely with Open Space and other City departments. Ms. Pruitt clarified that during her conversations with SHPO, she was informed that they would be open to focusing on Kings Canyon Road; however, they would require a very specific scope of work. Commissioner Speulda received confirmation that the survey would be archeological which also involved “a few structural walls”. Chairperson Drews entertained ideas for the 2013 grant, suggesting the Kings Canyon Anderson Ranch, the kilns at Riverview Park, and the decommissioned Nevada State prison. Commissioner Dickey received confirmation that “brick and mortar” type restorations were not generally funded. Ms. Pruitt stated that these ideas could be presented to SHPO for input; however, she cautioned that the grant would require a match. Discussion ensued regarding the application process and packet. She also suggested having a meeting in December to re-address this item. It was agreed that the grant should focus on the kilns and the Kings Canyon Anderson Ranch. Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

F-2 HRC-12-028 DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING AN UPDATE OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (HPF) GRANT FOR 2012.

G. STAFF REPORTS

PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION. (5:56:44) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Pruitt informed the Commission that Staff had received a phone call from John Shelton of the Brewery Arts Center (BAC) inquiring about signage for the BAC. She stated that Mr. Shelton had expressed concern that some visitors were having difficulty finding the property, and had requested that the proposed signage coexist with the current signs. Ms. Pruitt noted that she had extended an invitation to Mr. Shelton to attend this meeting; however, he had a prior engagement. She suggested inviting Mr. Shelton to a future meeting for further discussion. Commissioner Block disclosed that he was the current Director of the BAC, and stated that he had also had discussions with Mr. Shelton regarding signs.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS REPORT. (6:00:28) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Pruitt noted that this was a new agenda item which allowed Staff to update the Commission on the administrative approvals by Chairperson Drews. She submitted a list of projects, incorporated into the record, from September 6, 2012 to date. She noted that the majority of the applications were for re-roofing projects, adding that most of the projects had also required building permits.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS. (6:07:33) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Commissioner Block inquired about a project involving the rear stairs on 503 North Division Street, and he was informed by Ms. Pruitt that the project had been approved administratively on July 11, 2012, after making changes recommended by the Planning Division. Commissioner Hayes received an update regarding a project by applicant Vivian Summers. Ms. Pruitt agreed to contact Ms. Summers and provide the Commission with further updates. Commissioner Block inquired about the property on 12 North Nevada Street and Ms. Pruitt offered to check into the permit status. Commissioner Block announced that last September he had presented to a capacity crowd, at the Nevada State Museum, a Carson City “Then and Now” presentation. He noted that he had received some input from Peter Barton of the State Division of Museums and History, who had also suggested a presentation to a larger audience, possibly in the Community Center, at the start of Nevada’s sesquicentennial celebration. Chairperson Drews suggested the inclusion of several articles for discussion at a future meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:13:38) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item, and noted that Vice Chairperson Darney’s and his terms would expire at the end of this year. He suggested agendizing the election of new officers and the 2013 grants for the January meeting. Commissioner Dicky suggested “thinking about Historic Preservation Month”. Commissioner Block suggested adding signage discussion to the agenda as well.

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H. PUBLIC COMMENTS (6:15:02) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

K. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:15:25) – Chairperson Drews entertained a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Speulda moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hayes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**

The minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Historic Resources Commission are approved on this 13th day of December, 2012.

Michael Drews, Chairperson