

CARSON CITY HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE REVIEW COMMISSION

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A special meeting of the Carson City Historic Architecture Review Commission was held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at the Governor's Mansion, Nevada Room, 606 Mountain Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Michael Drews

Richard Baker

Arthur Hannafin

Rebecca Ossa

Peter Smith

Louann Speulda

STAFF: Rob Joiner, Community Development Principal Planner

Arlene Barrick, Community Development Secretary

Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

(HARC 04/25/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Drews. A tape recording of the proceedings which took place in the Nevada Room is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0004) - Chairperson Drews called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Roll call was taken; a quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Lopiccolo was absent.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0050) - None.

C. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (1-0052) - None.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0060; 0088) - Pat Richer, of #3 Colleen Circle, discussed problems to her residence caused by construction of the Nevada Room. She referred to a December 6, 1994 letter signed by Dean Borges which promised a retaining wall along the northern border of the Governor's Mansion. Ms. Richer introduced Ernest Orvis, of #4 Colleen Circle, and discussed problems experienced by both citizens due to the nature of the existing fence. Ms. Richer expressed the opinion that a retaining wall would solve problems of privacy, security, and noise. She requested that Mr. Borges' letter be reviewed and that someone take action on the promises contained therein. At the request of Commissioner Hannafin, Ms. Richer read the letter into the record. She clarified that the letter is addressed to Mr. Orvis and that a similar letter was sent to her. Chairperson Drews requested that Mr. Joiner follow up with a request that the appropriate state agency address this issue.

(1-0260) Mr. Orvis advised of his contacts with the City's Building Department which was unable to provide any assistance due to the fact that the property is owned by the State of Nevada. Chairperson Drews reiterated that a request would be made to the State Public Works Board to address the matter.

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E. DISCLOSURES (1-0072) - Commissioner Smith advised of discussing a matter with Pat Richer, a neighbor of the Governor's Mansion. (1-0310) Chairperson Drews advised of a meeting with Mrs. Guinn, Ron James, of the State Historic Preservation Office, and Bill Story, of the Division of Environmental Protection, on April 14, 2000 with regard to the project which is the subject of item F-1.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F-1. H-99/00-23 DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE STATE OF NEVADA, APPLICANT AND OWNER, FOR LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS TO FRONT AND REAR OF GOVERNOR'S MANSION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 606 MOUNTAIN STREET, APN 3-271-01 (1-0325) - Chairperson Drews requested that Mr. Story provide an overview of the project, and advised that there are modifications to the front landscaping plan which are not currently reflected on the drawings. Mr. Story provided background information on development of the project, and reviewed the Project Description contained in the agenda packets. He advised that the amount of turf to be removed from the southeast front lawn has been reduced at the request of Governor Guinn.

Mr. Story discussed the possibility of extending the wrought iron fence along the Robinson Street side of the mansion, and recommended a small buffer between the turf and the fence. Mrs. Guinn acknowledged that funding has been secured for extension of the fence, and advised that it will be manufactured in Las Vegas and shipped to Carson City. She described the areas which will be included, and acknowledged that, as soon as plans are developed, they will be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

Mr. Story discussed the existing and proposed plant materials. Mr. James discussed possible plans for redesign of the pavilion, and needed maintenance and repairs to the fountain and the concrete surrounding the fountain. He advised that the State is requesting approval to fill in the fountain and extend the existing concrete to the center of the pavilion.

Chairperson Drews requested that Mr. Story conduct a brief tour of the project elements. (This portion of the meeting was not tape recorded.) Mr. Story pointed out and discussed the various areas of the project as indicated in the plans and the Project Description. Mrs. Guinn pointed out the areas of the pavilion in need of repair and maintenance, and discussed plans to fill in the fountain.

(1-0670) - The meeting returned to the Nevada Room at 1:00 p.m. and tape recording was resumed. Chairperson Drews solicited public comment; however, none was provided. Commissioner Hannafin commended Mr. Story on the plans, and expressed favor for extending the fence along the southern side of the mansion. He expressed the opinion that it should return at a 90-degree angle toward the driveway. Chairperson Drews advised that fence plans would be considered separately, and commented that Mrs. Guinn had indicated a desire for assistance with the fence plans. Mrs. Guinn discussed plans for the fencing, and Commissioner Hannafin offered to provide assistance.

Commissioner Smith commented on the interest of the Commission in protecting the buildings, and expressed appreciation for Mrs. Guinn's invitation. Commissioner Ossa requested clarification regarding

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the request to fill in the fountain, and Chairperson Drews acknowledged that it should be part of the motion. **Commissioner Smith moved to approve H-99/00-23 in the form presented by staff with the five standard conditions of approval, including the understanding that the present fountain area of the pavilion will be filled in with concrete and new concrete poured for the remainder of the area. Commissioner Hannafin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-1-0.**

(1-0870) - Chairperson Drews expressed appreciation for Mrs. Guinn's sensitivity to historic preservation, and for contacting the Commission prior to beginning the project. Mrs. Guinn discussed her love for the mansion and her desire to see it maintained and preserved. She thanked the Commissioners for their time.

F-2. H-99/00-21 DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM STANTON PARK DEVELOPMENT, INC., PROPERTY OWNER (COMPUTER CORPS, APPLICANT) TO INSTALL ONE, FREE-STANDING SIGN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4681 MORGAN MILL ROAD, APN 10-581-14 (1-0850) - Chairperson Drews indicated that this item would be continued to the next meeting.

G. FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS (1-0905) - Commissioner Smith requested that discussion and action of the applications for the Historic Housing Rehabilitation Program be agendaized for the next meeting. In addition, he requested that discussion regarding underground utilities in the historic district be agendaized. Commissioner Speulda requested that an update on the Fleischmann Way house be agendaized.

H. ADJOURNMENT (1-0955) - Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Commissioner Ossa seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Minutes of the April 25, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Historic Architecture Review Commission are so approved this _____ day of May, 2000.

MICHAEL DREWS, Chairperson