

CITY OF ESCONDIDO**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION****January 19, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Rea in Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Rea, Vice-chair Spann, Commissioner Hanwit, Commissioner Correll, Commissioner Breitenfeld, Commissioner Danskin (Arrived at 3:48 p.m.), and Commissioner Lee.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Rozanne Cherry, Principal Planner; Adam Finestone, Principal Planner, Paul Bingham, Assistant Planner II, and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Vice-chair Spann, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Commissioner Danskin was absent from the vote)

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Hanwit nominated Chair Rea for Chair. Commissioner Correll seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the Commission unanimously elected Chair Rea to Chair.

Commissioner Breitenfeld nominated Vice-chair Spann for Vice-chair. Commissioner Lee seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, the Commission unanimously elected Vice-chair Spann to Vice-chair.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Received.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**1. DESIGN REVIEW - Case No. ADM 17-0005:**

REQUEST: Proposed addition to Local Register Mediterranean Revival Residence in the OEN

Location: 534 East 9th Avenue.

Paul Bingham, Assistant Planner II, provided a brief overview of the property and noted that the request was to construct an addition that included two bedrooms and a garage with an office in the rear of the property. He noted that the addition met the setback requirements and would match the exiting architecture and colors. Staff recommended approval.

Discussion ensued regarding the location for the new bedrooms and existing hallway.

John Korelich, Architect, provided clarification.

Vice-chair Spann asked what the conditions of approval were. Mr. Bingham noted that staff was recommending approval of the project as proposed.

Commissioner Lee stated he was in favor of the project.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Correll, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (Commissioner Danskin was absent from the vote)

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT CLG ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Rozanne Cherry, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Draft GLG report and requested input.

Chair Rea referenced Item C, on Page 16 of the report and suggested adding the following sentence to the end of the last paragraph "and is posted online for public access."

Commissioner Hanwit and Chair Rea suggested adding the Mills Act Process training to the report which they had both attended.

Chair Rea suggested adding the Annual Escondido History Center Adobe Home Tour held in March under Item IV, Paragraph A (Public Education).

Discussion ensued regarding using the Mills Act visits and Tree Removal as part of Public Education

Chair Rea questioned whether the State had training available on design review responsibilities for historic preservation commissioners. Mr. Bingham noted staff would look into this.

Mrs. Cherry thanked the Commission for the increase in training hours.

3. REVIEW OF DRAFT GOALS FOR 2017

Rozanne Cherry, Principal Planner, referenced the Draft Goals for 2017 and requested input.

Chair Rea referenced Item 1 and noted they had not met with anyone from the Pioneer Room but planned on meeting with them as well as noting they were working closely with the History Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of Mills Act properties visited in 2016.

Mr. Bingham offered to provide a total for 2016. He stated that 12 Mills Act letters had already been sent this year, noting that 10 would be a first time visit (Many with new owners) and two were second letters. Chair Rea noted she had received two phone calls. She suggested creating an online Mills Act visit database that could track the properties visited. She offered to put together a Google Doc and that she would then send the link to staff.

Discussion ensued regarding conducting drive/walk-by visits for Mills Act properties whose owners were unresponsive to letters sent. After the drive/walk-by, the commissioners would immediately let staff know of any issues.

Mrs. Cherry asked if Goal No. 2 was an accurate breakdown. Chair Rea replied in the affirmative. She also felt it would be beneficial to do a workshop for City Council on design guidelines for historic properties.

Mrs. Cherry referenced Goals No. 5 and 6 and requested input.

Commissioner Hanwit felt the goal to conduct a survey should be put off given the intensive amount of work and decisions involved.

Discussion ensued regarding holding a workshop to view the CA Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS). Chairman Rea, Commissioner Hanwit, and Commissioner Brietenfeld expressed a desire to view CHRIS.

The consensus of the Commission was to rearrange the priorities under Goal No. 5 as follows: 1) Goal (b) moved to Goal (c) position; 2) Remove Goal (e) and (f); and retain Goal (d).

Commissioner Danskin entered the meeting at this time, 3:48 p.m.
The consensus of the Commission was to eliminate Goal No. 6.

4. REVIEW OF UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Rozanne Cherry, Principal Planner, referenced four potential webinars the Commission could review and requested input.

Chair Rea expressed interest in the "Updating and Managing Resource Surveys" webinar.

Commissioner Danskin expressed his enthusiasm with App for GeoMashups, and Digital Storytelling, Resource Surveys.

The consensus of the Commission was for staff to arrange viewing of CHRIS for the first quarter and then viewing GeoMashups, Digital Storytelling, Resources Surveys in the following quarter.

5. DISCUSSION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Paul Bingham, Assistant Planner II, asked if the Commission wanted to go with a theme or category for this year's Historic Preservation Award presentations.

Discussion ensued regarding gearing the awards program towards adaptive reuse properties. Properties discussed included the old Penny's building at 200 West Grand Avenue, the old Calavo packing house on Don Lee Place, EDI at 1044 West Washington, and Pilgrim's Hall on 3rd Avenue and Maple Street.

The consensus of the Commission was to provide staff nominations of potential properties within the next two weeks.

Commissioners Danskin and Lee suggested keeping the awards open to other categories as well.



Chair Rea asked that the award presentations be scheduled before May 14th if possible, but not on the same day as the annual water poster awards. She also stated that 2017 marks the 20th anniversary of the City's Mother's Day Tour as well as the 25th anniversary of City Council's creation of the Old Escondido Neighborhood historic district.

6. AD HOC WORK GROUP REPORT ON MILLS ACT PROPERTIES

Chair Rea noted that the work group would be visiting two properties.

Mr. Bingham noted that Code Enforcement had the ability to access Fast Web, which provides very current change of ownership information. He noted that several of the twelve Mills Act property owners receiving letters this month had thus been identified as new property owners.



7. AD HOC WORK GROUP REPORT ON UPDATING THE CITY'S HISTORIC GUIDELINES

Chair Rea noted that the group would have more information in March.

8. DISCUSS AD HOC WORK GROUP TO DEVELOP PARAMETERS FOR UPDATING THE HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY AND RESEARCH FUNDING/GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The consensus was to watch the CHRIS webinar and then decide.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chair Rea noted that the OEN and History Center partnered on a walking tour App. called "Explore Escondido". She then provided a brief overview of the App. Discussion ensued regarding adding this to next year's CLG Report as well as adding a link to the App on the Historic Preservation webpage. Chair Rea provided an overview of the upcoming annual 20th Mother's Day tour.



ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm. The next regular meeting was scheduled for March 16, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.



Rozanne Cherry, Principal Planner



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk