

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE HPC MEETING ON AUGUST 9, 2022

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Virtual

June 14, 2022

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

Chair Pavlinec called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Joann Pavlinec; Vice Chair C. Hibma; Commissioners Fatema Crane, Linda Hemmila, and Michael Hibma

Absent: Commissioner Jonathan Haeber and Gretchen M. Stromberg

Staff: Jonelyn Whales

Approval of Minutes:

May 10, 2022

ACTION: It was M/S/C (M. Hibma, C. Hibma) to approve the minutes for May 10, 2022; approved by voice vote: 4-0-3 Ayes: Hemmila, C. Hibma, M. Hibma, Pavlinec; Noes: None; Absent: Crane, Haeber, Stromberg.

Meeting Procedures:

None

Public Forum:

CORDELL HINDLER reminded Commissioner Stromberg and Commissioner Crane that their terms ended at the end of July. He invited the Commission to the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on June 22, 2022.

Liaison Reports:

There was no liaison present and no reports.

Consent Calendar:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Commission Business:

Description: **Reports of Commission Members and Staff**

a. **Rooted in Richmond**

b. **Next Steps**

Staff Contact: Jonelyn Whales Recommendation: **Receive and Provide Comments**

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Ms. Whales remarked that the City was working with the app developers and had recently established an Apple account. She inquired if the July milestone had been reached for the grant.

Chair Pavlinec commented that she identified two individuals who may give interviews regarding the history of religion in Richmond.

Vice Chair C. Hibma noted the next milestone in July was to finalize the edits of the oral histories and supply them to the app developer. Also, to have the app developer provide a preview of the app to the Commission for review. She mentioned she contacted the founders of the Ohlone Cafe at Berkeley but they declined to be interviewed. They expressed that they were not experts on the history of the Ohlone in Richmond.

Commissioner M. Hibma shared the focus of the biological category is the Sakai Nursery and mentioned he had a copy of the historic America landscape survey as well as right of way files pertaining to the nursery. Also, he was exploring references to find a person for an interview.

Chair Pavlinec asked if the U.C. Berkeley Experimental Garden will be included in the biological category and Commissioner M. Hibma answered yes.

Chair Pavlinec believed it was important to highlight that many cities decided to demolish and rebuild their Civic Centers. The residents of Richmond strongly supported keeping the City's Civic Center. She inquired if Ms. Whales worked with anyone during the rehabilitation of the Civic Center who may do an interview and Ms. Whales suggested City Manager Shasa Curl.

Commissioner Crane announced she was in contact with a person who was willing to give an oral interview about the Black Panthers in Richmond. The individual expressed they did not want to participate in a professional interview. Commissioner Haeber and herself were exploring ways to capture the interview.

Commissioner Hemmila remarked she was not contacted by the former Chair or Commissioner Haeber about her topic.

Chair Pavlinec invited suggestions for next steps. Commissioner Crane found having a meeting with the full Commission helpful and encouraged having another meeting soon to discuss the project. Chair Pavlinec supported that and requested that staff explore possible dates for a special meeting. Ms. Whales confirmed the Commission could host a working meeting.

Ms. Whales noted that the Information Technology (IT) Director also wanted to be involved in the project.

Commissioner Hemmila confessed she did not know the scope of the project and the goals. She shared she had several historical resources she could reach out to as well as many archival documents and historical statistical information. She volunteered to do interviews if the need arises. Chair Pavlinec requested that staff forward the grant application to Commissioner Hemmila.

Vice Chair C. Hibma announced that she and Commissioner M. Hibma would be volunteering their time to help the Richmond History Museum with their National Register nomination.

Chair Pavlenic requested that Winehaven be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Adjournment - The Commission adjourned at 6:37 p.m. to July 12, 2022.