

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE HPC MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2022

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Virtual

May 10, 2022
5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

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

Present: Vice-Chair Joann Pavlinec; Commissioners Fatema Crane, Jonathan Haerber, Linda Hemmila, Caitlin Hibma, Michael Hibma, and Gretchen M. Stromberg

Absent: None

Staff: Jonelyn Whales

The Commission moved to Commission Business.

Approval of Minutes:

April 12, 2022

ACTION: It was M/S/C (M. Hibma, Haerber) to approve the minutes for April 12, 2022; approved by voice vote: 6-0-1. Ayes: Haerber, Hemmila, C. Hibma, M. Hibma, Pavlinec, Stromberg; Noes: None; Absent: Crane.
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Meeting Procedures:

None

Public Forum:

CORDELL HINDLER welcomed Commissioner Hemmila to the Commission. He invited the Commissioners to a performance of Crowns at Contra Costa Civic Theater and the Point Richmond Business Mixer on May 19, 2022; also, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Spring Celebration and Mixer was held at Berkley Country Club. He reminded Commissioner Stromberg and Commissioner Crane their terms will be expiring in July 2022.

The Commission moved to Approval of the Minutes.

Liaison Reports:

There was no liaison present and no reports.

Consent Calendar:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Commission Business:

- A. Welcome New Member – Linda Hemmila

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- B. Selection of Officers
- C. Rooted in Richmond Application Updates
- D. Next Steps

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

Commissioner Hemmila shared she was born and raised in the City of Richmond. Her career has been in publishing and communication, and teaching students architectural concepts.

Vice Chair Pavlinec believed Commissioner Hemmila's background in communications would help with the Rooted in Richmond App and the Mills Act. She moved to the Selection of Officers and announced this was the last meeting for Ms. Robin McNamara. She invited Commissioners to put forward nominations for Chair.

Commissioner M. Hibma nominated Vice-Chair Pavlinec as Chair, and Commissioner Haeber, seconded by Vice-Chair Pavlinec, accepted the position.

Chair Pavlinec invited nominations for Vice-Chair. She nominated Commissioner C. Hibma, and Commissioner M. Haeber seconded it. Commissioner C. Hibma accepted the position as Vice-Chair.

Chair Pavlinec requested an update on the Rooted in Richmond App.

Commissioner Haeber shared he met with the Richmond Museum of History. He provided them with the list of categories the Commission identified and they provided archival items for every category on the list.

Ms. Whales interjected that a public member wanted to speak during the public forum.

The Commission moved back to the public forum section of the meeting.

Chair Pavlinec invited public members to speak on the Rooted in Richmond App. Seeing none, she asked Commissioner Haeber to continue with his presentation.

Commissioner Haeber inquired if the Commissioners had specific items and documents that should be included in the tour. He remarked there are some 3D items he will be working on to include in the tour as well as photos and paper documents. Oral interviews will be completed by late June into early July 2022.

Commissioner C. Hibma mentioned she had someone in mind for an oral interview. Commissioner Haeber requested Commissioner C. Hibma send him the contact information.

Chair Pavlinec mentioned in Sherley Ann Wilson Moore's book there is information about how religious institutions supported folks throughout the City's history. She felt it would be helpful to know what the interviewees talk about so that artifacts and documentation could match their stories. Commissioner Haeber stated there would be 3-months after the interviews are completed to match historical items to the stories.

Vice-Chair Pavlinec asked about St. Cornelius Church, should there be information regarding the elements and characters that link to the church's modern architecture, or will there only be a

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link to institutions within the City. Commissioner Haeber suggested that Commissioner Hemmila and himself draft the text for the categories before they are sent to the app developer.

Commissioner Haeber reminded the Commission the text for the tour has to be drafted and sent to the City in time for it to be translated into Spanish.

Commissioner Stromberg suggested Bertha Hicks be interviewed for the transportation category and Najari Smith from Rich City Rides. Commissioner M. Hibma and Commissioner Haeber supported the recommendation.

Chair Pavlinec recommended the Key Route System be mentioned.

ROBIN MCNAMARA inquired if Commissioner Hemmila would be covering the entertainment and events category. Chair Pavlinec suggested Ms. McNamara share her work with Commissioner Hemmila. Commissioner Haeber commented he would also provide ideas for the entertainment and event category.

Chair Pavlinec requested Commissioner Haeber share the interview schedule with the Commission. She concluded the meeting by recognizing Ms. McNamara for her work on the Commission.

Commissioner Crane joined the meeting at the end and supported the election of Commissioner Pavlinec as Chair and Commissioner C. Hibma as Vice-Chair.

Adjournment - The Commission adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to June 14, 2022.