

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE HPC MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2022

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Virtual
September 13, 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 Caitlin Hibma; Commissioners Fatema Crane, Jonathan Haerber, Linda Hemmila, Michael Hibma, and Gretchen M. Stromberg

Absent: None

Staff: Jonelyn Whales

Approval of Minutes:

August 9, 2022

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Haerber/M. Hibma) to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2022 meeting; approved by voice vote: 7-0 Ayes: Pavlinec, C. Hibma, Crane, Jonathan, Hemmila, M. Hibma, Stromberg; Noes: None

August 23, 2022

ACTION: It was M/S/C (Pavlinec/Hemmila) to approve the minutes for August 23, 2022; approved by voice vote: 7-0 Ayes: Pavlinec, C. Hibma, Crane, Jonathan, Hemmila, M. Hibma, Stromberg; Noes: None

Meeting Procedures:

None

Public Forum:

CORDELL HINDLER announced that Council has reappointed Gretchen Stromberg and Fatema Crane to the Commission. He invited the Commission to attend a performance of Camelot at Contra Costa Civic Theater.

[The Commission returned to Commission Business – future projects]

Liaison Reports:

There was no liaison present and no reports.

Consent Calendar:

None

Public Hearing:

None

Commission Business:

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a. Commission member reports, requests, or announcements

Commissioner Haeber updated everyone on the status of the Rooted in Richmond app. Thanked everyone for their participation and contribution to this magnificent historical walking tour.

Commissioner Haeber remarked the revised app will be transferred over to the branded City of Richmond App. Revisions can be made to the app at any time but the project should be complete by the September 30, 2022 deadline.

Chair Pavlinec recommended that the subcommittee working on the Mills Act, Commissioners M. Hibma, Haeber and herself, reconvene after the Rooted in Richmond app project is complete.

Commissioner M. Hibma shared that Commissioner C. Hibma and himself visited the Richmond Museum of History.

Commission Business

a. Rooted In Richmond App Update

Commissioner Haeber invited Commissioners to review the app information and provide edits where appropriate. While working with the Richmond Museum of History, several artifacts were photographed and rendered into 3-D models. Those renditions will be available in the app. The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) encouraged the City to submit the Rooted in Richmond App for a Governor's award.

Chair Pavlinec mentioned several of the photographs of the Nystrom neighborhood were labeled in several books as not being taken in the Nystrom neighborhood. She recommended that information be clarified before placing them in the app. Commissioner Haeber concurred that several of the captions were incorrect and the Richmond Museum was correcting the mistake. Chair Pavlinec expressed her thanks to Commissioner Haeber and Commissioner Hemmila for their hard work on the app. She suggested publishing in the newspaper that the app is available once it comes online.

Commissioner Hemmila commented that she can help promote the app.

b. Future Projects

Ms. Whales appreciated Chair Pavlinec's interest in reconvening the subcommittee working on the Mills Act. She announced a representative from the Art Commission is willing to come and have a study session with the Commission.

Chair Pavlinec inquired if there will be a follow-up on the Pullman project. Vice Chair C. Hibma reported the group had expressed they do not intend to work on the main building and she encouraged them to return to the Commission to discuss changes to the plan. The group does intend to restore the back building as tenants move into the spaces. Chair Pavlinec asked which buildings are of part the historical designation. Vice Chair C. Hibma explained it is one big back building that has been broken up into four buildings. Buildings one and two, which are located in the front half of the back building, have been historically designated. Chair Pavlinec wanted to

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see the work done sooner rather than later. Ms. Whales explained the project planner reviews the Conditions of Approval and if the conditions are not met then they bring the items back to the applicant to understand when the work will be completed. Chair Pavlinec requested that the project planner provide an update to the Commission at the October meeting.

Vice Chair C. Hibma supported Chair Pavlinec's suggestion.

Chair Pavlinec recommended that staff bring the report and the Conditions of Approval for the Pullman project to the October meeting as well.

Adjournment - The Commission adjourned at 6:15 p.m. to October 11, 2022.