



BENICIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION

**** Special Meeting Location ****

COMMANDING OFFICERS QUARTERS – 1 Commandant's Lane

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 25, 2009

6:30 P.M.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present: Commissioners Crompton, Donaghue, Haughey, McKee (arrived at 6:35),
Taagepera, and White.

Absent: Chair Mang

Staff Present:

Damon Golubics, Principal Planner

Sharon Williams, Development Services Tech

Terry Baldwin, Sr. Administrative Clerk

C. Reference to Fundamental Rights of Public - A plaque stating the Fundamental Rights of each member of the public is posted at the entrance to this meeting room per Section 4.04.030 of the City of Benicia's Open Government Ordinance.

II. AGENDA CHANGES AND DISCUSSION

None.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A. WRITTEN

None.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Donaghue, seconded by Commissioner Haughey, the Consent Calendar, with amendments to the April 23rd minutes as noted, was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Crompton, Donaghue, Haughey, McKee, Taagepera (abstain from Item IV-C), and White
Noes: None
Absent: Chair Mang

- A. Approval of Agenda**
- B. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2009**
- C. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2009 joint HPRC/Planning Commission meeting**

Commissioner Donaghue commented on the April 23rd minutes. The following changes were requested:

Page 5, #2, Condition #5 - Amend to remove everything after the word “opaque”.

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- A. WORKSHOP – DEMOLITION ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TITLE 17 OF THE BENICIA MUNICIPAL CODE**

PROPOSAL:

To address concerns over the current demolition ordinance, as well as respond to the Commission’s request for additional definitions in our zoning code, staff has drafted amendments for the Commission’s review and discussion. Comments will be incorporated into a final draft, which will be brought back to the Commission to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Recommendation: Review draft demolition ordinance and added definitions, discuss revisions, take public comment, and direct staff to bring back a final draft for action.

Damon Golubics, Principal Planner, gave an overview of the project.

The public hearing was opened. No public comment. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Haughey asked if the Ordinance under discussion was the present ordinance in Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code. Damon Golubics confirmed that as being correct, referring only to the Historic District.

Commissioner Taagepera noted that the draft ordinance looked really great.

Damon Golubics stated that the Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Commission could generate additional items for the Demolition Ordinance.

Commissioners discussed definition of minor and major alterations.

Commissioners discussed each section of the draft ordinance and recommended changes for clarification. Staff noted these changes and will amend the draft ordinance and bring back for future action.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Damon Golubics informed the Commissions that Gina Eleccion was in the hospital. He thanked Terry Baldwin for taking the minutes.

Damon Golubics informed the Commission regarding the July 2, 2009, Joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting – Draft Housing Element. Commissioners were directed to attend this meeting should they be interested. A request was made that this item be agendaized for a presentation.

Damon Golubics noted that the fees for 182 East I Street were reduced.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Taagepera questioned the status on the IOOF. Damon Golubics will research and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Taagepera stated that she submitted a memo regarding re-listing houses that were delisted from the Downtown Historic Conservation Plan recent survey.

Commissioner Taagepera questioned when the Arsenal EIR would be presented to the Commission. In addition, she noted that based on the Mitigated Negative Declaration of the Downtown Mixed Use Master Plan, if there is an inconsistency with the Downtown Historic Conservation Plan (DHCP), then the DHCP prevails.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair White adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.