



**CITY OF BENICIA
HISTORIC SURVEY COMMITTEE
AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW
COMMISSION**

CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM 1

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, December 29, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

I. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Roll Call**
- 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. PRESENTATIONS

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. WRITTEN**
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to items not on agenda. A 5 minute time limit per individual will be imposed)**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Action Minutes of December 15, 2009

B. PREVIOUS TASK ASSIGNMENTS

Staff and the committee will discuss and review the status of the following:

1. Historic Context Statement Outline
2. Ethnic Communities

Recommendation: Staff and committee members will discuss and review status of previously assigned tasks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW TASK ASSIGNMENTS

Staff and the committee will discuss the needs of the consulting team, and will assign tasks accordingly.

1. Mid-Century/Post WWII
2. Early 20th Century

Recommendation: Staff and committee members will assign tasks, including deadlines.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Public Participation

The Benicia Historic Preservation Review Commission and its sub-committees welcome public participation.

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. The Historic Preservation Review Commission allows speakers to speak on agendized and non-agendized matters under public comment. Comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the Historic Preservation Review Commission.

Should you have material you wish to enter into the record, please submit it to the Commission/Committee Secretary.

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Meeting Procedures

All items listed on this agenda are for Commission/Committee discussion and/or action. In accordance with the Brown Act, each item is listed and includes, where appropriate, further description of the item and/or a recommended action. The posting of a recommended action does not limit, or necessarily indicate, what action the Commission may take.

Public Records

The agenda packet for this meeting is available at the City Clerk's Office, the Benicia Public Library and the Public Works & Community Development Department during regular working hours. To the extent feasible, the packet is also available on the City's web page at www.ci.benicia.ca.us under the heading "Announcements and Historic Context." Public records related to an open session agenda item that are distributed after the agenda packet is prepared are available before the meeting at the Public Works & Community Development Department's office located at 250 East L Street, Benicia, or at the meeting held in the City Hall Conference Room 1. If you wish to submit written information on an agenda item, please submit to Gina Eleccion, Management Analyst, as soon as possible so that it may be distributed to the Historic Context Ad Hoc Committee.



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REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 15, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Present

Gina Eleccion, Management Analyst

Toni Haughey, Historic Preservation Review Chair

Leann Taagepera, Historic Preservation Review Commissioner

Jerry Hayes, Benicia Historical Society

Bonnie Silveria, Benicia Historical Society

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. PRESENTATIONS

None.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. WRITTEN - None

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROJECT TIMELINE & WORK TASKS

Staff and the committee will review the project timelines and major work tasks, as prepared by the State Office of Historic Preservation.

Recommendation: No action required.

The committee discussed the timeline and work tasks. This was created by the State Office of Historic Preservation and the deadlines are non-negotiable. Committee members requested a list of dates of the meetings. Gina Eleccion will email this to the committee members.

B. VOLUNTEER OR DONATED LABOR TIMESHEET

Staff and the committee will review the timesheet requirements.

Recommendation: No immediate action required. All volunteers must keep track of hours and complete their own timesheets.

Gina Eleccion gave an overview. She noted that the City has matched the grant fund requirements through in-kind services of staff and volunteers. It is critical that each member of the committee keep track of all hours worked on this project. Timesheets will be turned in once a month.

The projected hours of volunteer time exceeds the required in-kind match. The committee requested a copy of the budgeted hours submitted with the grant application. Gina Eleccion will forward that document to the committee members.

C. TASK ASSIGNMENTS

Staff and the committee will discuss the needs of the consulting team, and will assign tasks accordingly.

1. Historic Context Statement Outline
2. Mid-Century/Post WWII
3. Ethnic Communities
4. Early 20th Century

Recommendation: Staff and committee members will assign tasks, including deadlines.

The above topics were discussed. Multiple comments were made on the outline. All committee members will review and provide input on the outline. This will be agendaized for the next meeting so that all comments can be compiled. Initial additions/changes to the outline include: change Salmon Canneries to Fish Canneries, earlier existence of St.

Dominic's, Irish and Chinese immigrants, additional research on churches and schools. Bonnie Silveria and Leann Taagepera will research the Portuguese and other ethnic communities. The committee will assign the Mid-Century/Post WWII and Early 20th Century research at a later meeting. Jerry Hayes has information on the ferries, riverboats, reserve fleet, and other waterfront related transportation and development. Gina Eleccion will contact Page & Turnbull to see what type and how much documentation they will need.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gina Eleccion stated various ways the committee could do outreach. It was suggested to have a Sunday afternoon meeting with the senior community.

Leann Taagepera questioned if specific people would be mentioned in the context. She was also interested in what archaeological sites would be included. Gina Eleccion stated that she would follow up with Page & Turnbull regarding these two issues.

Leann Taagepera commented on development trends, and how much information would be included in the context.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

City of Benicia

Historic Context Statement Outline

Sanborn Map Series: 1886, 1891, 1899, 1913, 1942

Native American & Mission Periods (to 1821)

- Native American Period
 - Patwin & Huichuin groups
- Spanish Mission Period
 - Sonoma, San Francisco and other regional missions
- Property Types & Registration Requirements
 - Known or potential archaeological sites

Mexican Period (1821 - 1845)

- Mariano Vallejo and Rancho Suscol
- Property Types & Registration Requirements
 - Known or potential resources (if any)

Early American Period (1846 - 1877)

- Bear Flag Revolt (1846)
- Robert Semple & Thomas Larkin
- California Gold Rush (1848)
- Founding of the Benicia Arsenal (1849)
- Statehood (1850)
- State Capitol (1853 – 1854)
- Industrial Facilities
 - Pacific Cement Works (1860)
 - G.W. Hume's Carquinez Packing Company (1864)
 - McKay Tannery (1860)
 - Pioneer Tanning Co. (1868)
- Schools
 - Blake's School for Boys (1852)/Benicia Collegiate Institute (1854)/St. Augustine's (1868 - 1889)
- Churches
 - St. Paul's Episcopal (1860)
 - Congregational Church (1868)
- Public Assembly
 - Masonic Temple (1850)
- Military
 - "Camel Barns" (1855)
 - Magazine (1857)
 - Storehouse (1859)

- Commanding Officer's Quarters (1860)
- Lieutenant's Quarters (1861)
- Guardhouse (1872)
- Etc.
- Property Types & Registration Requirements
 - Residential; Commercial; Industrial; Public Assembly; Military

Industrial Period (1878 - 1913)

- Industrial Facilities
 - Kullman, Salz & Co – Benicia Tannery (1879)
 - Benicia Agricultural Works (1881)
 - Turner Shipyard (1882)
 - Benicia Flour Mills
 - Salmon Canneries
 - Etc.
- Arrival of the railroad (1878)
- Solano Ferry (1879)
- Spanish American War (1898)
- Cannery Strike (1902)
- Schools
- Churches
 - Methodist Church (1882)
 - St. Dominic's (1890)
- Public Assembly
 - New Masonic Temple (1888)
- Military
 - Shop (1884)
 - Toolhouse (1900)
 - Stables (1908)
 - Shop (1911)
 - Explosion at Clock Tower Storehouse (1912)
 - Etc.
- Immigrants/Ethnic communities
- Property Types & Registration Requirements
 - Residential; Commercial; Industrial; Public Assembly; Military

World War I through the Great Depression (1914 - 1939)

- World War I
- Roads & automobiles
- Closure of Tanneries and Canneries
- Southern Pacific Railroad Bridge (1930)
- Immigrants/ethnic communities
 - Greeks
 - Portuguese
 - Etc.
- Public Assembly

- Benicia Branch of Solano Public Library (1914)
- Military
 - Storehouse (1917)
 - Powerhouse (1919)
 - Photo Lab (1921)
 - Magazines x5 (1929 – 1930)
 - Etc.
- Property Types & Registration Requirements
 - Residential; Commercial; Industrial; Public Assembly; Military

World War II and its Aftermath (1940 - 1964)

- Wartime Boomtown
- Military Facilities
 - Deep Water Wharf
 - Public Quarters x6 (1941)
 - Expansion of Arsenal Lands (1942)
 - Main Headquarters (1942)
 - Etc.
- Korean War (1950)
- Restoration of the Capitol (1955-57)
- S.P. Depot Closes (1958)
- Destruction of S.P. Wharf (1959)
- Interstate 680 and 780 (1950s-60s)
- Benicia-Martinez Bridge (1962)
- Closure of the Benicia Arsenal (1964) and Benicia Industries
- Schools
- Churches
- Public Assembly
 - New Post Office 632 1st (1942)
- Property Types & Registration Requirements
 - Residential; Commercial; Industrial; Public Assembly; Military