



HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD MINUTES

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*Wednesday, August 15, 2007
REGULAR MEETING – 8:00 AM
City Council Chambers
Civic Center, First Floor
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301*

ROLL CALL:

Board members:

*Michael Makinen, Chair
Patricia DiCicco, Vice-Chair
Martin Bernstein
Beth Bunnenberg
Carol Murden
David Bower
Roger Kohler*

City Council Liaison:

John Barton - absent

Staff:

*Cathy Siegel,
Advance Planning Manager
Dennis Backlund,
Historic Preservation Planner
Diana Tamale, Staff Secretary*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Natalie Wells introduced Janet Peacock to the Board as the new representative for Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST). Ms. Peacock will be attending the HRB meetings on behalf of PAST.

AGENDA CHANGES, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS. None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Approval of minutes of Historic Resources Board meetings of April 19, 2006 and June 20, 2007.

Historic Resources Board Action: Boardmember Bunnenberg moved, seconded by Boardmember DiCicco, to approve the minutes of April 6, 2006 as presented by staff.

Vote: 6-0-0-1 (Bower absent)

Historic Resources Board Action: Boardmember Bunnenberg moved, seconded by Boardmember DiCicco, to approve the minutes of June 20, 2007 as presented by staff.

Vote: 5-0-1-1 (Bower absent and Martin abstained)

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearings

1. **212-214 Homer Avenue [07PLN-00047]:** Request by Lippert & Lippert Design for Historic Resources Board review of final window mullion dimensions of the new storefronts of the previously approved project for compatibility with the historic building.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommended that the Board recommend to the Director of Planning and Community Environment regarding the historic compatibility of the recently submitted window frame and mullion dimensions of the two conditionally approved new storefronts of the historic commercial building at 212-214 Homer Avenue. Staff did not include a recommendation in this report due to anticipation that the Board may wish to explore this issue with the applicant at the Board meeting prior to developing a recommendation.

Historic Resources Board Action: Boardmember Kohler moved, seconded by Boardmember Bunnenberg, to approve the project as presented by staff with the interior mullion color and the proposed glass to be reviewed by staff.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

2. **1245 Waverley Street [07PLN-00199]:** Application for Historic Resources Board review and recommendation regarding a proposal to add two large new dormers and additional second-story floor area to a contributing residence in the Professorville Historic District. The project is located in the R-1(10,000) zone district and would require a Home Improvement Exception.

Historic Resources Board Action: Boardmember Kohler moved, seconded by Boardmember Bower, to continue the project to the next regular meeting on September 5, 2007.

Vote: 6-0-1-0 (Bernstein not participating)

STUDY SESSION

3. **1213 Newell Road - Main Library:** Study session at the request of Group 4 Architecture, on behalf of the City of Palo Alto, regarding proposed minor additions to the existing Main Library, a building designed by Edward Durell Stone that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Boardmembers reviewed several design options for the additions to the Library. Some Boardmembers preferred the entire roofline of the main addition to be kept low. Other Boardmembers supported the concept of a more varied roofline. Several Boardmembers expressed strong reservations about placing solar tubes on the sloping historic roof of the library.

STATUS REPORTS ON HISTORIC PROJECTS/SITES

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD ITEMS

4. Discussion of the old and new Historic Resources Board web sites at the request of a Board Member.

Item #4 was deferred to the meeting of September 5, 2007.

5. Discussion of scheduling the Historic Resources Board annual retreat.

Item #5 was deferred to the meeting of September 5, 2007.

6. Election of HRB Chair and Vice-chair for 2007-08.

Item #6 was deferred to the meeting of September 5, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Historic Resources Board representative at City Council meetings:

Project

Representative

Meeting Dates

Agenda changes, additions and deletions. The agenda may have additional items added to it up until 72 hours prior to meeting time.

Questions. If interested parties have any questions regarding the above applications, please contact the Planning Division at (650) 329-2441. The files relating to these items are available for inspection weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and staff reports will be available for inspection at 2:00 PM the Friday preceding the hearing.

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