



Historic Resources Board

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Recommendation

Staff recommends the Historic Resources Board (HRB) adopt the attached meeting minutes.

Background

Attached are minutes for the following meeting(s):

- April 25, 2019

Attachments:

- Attachment A: HRB Draft Minutes of April 25, 2019 (PDF)



HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES: April 25, 2019

Council Chambers
250 Hamilton Avenue
8:30 A.M.

1 **Call to Order/Roll Call**

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3 Present: Chair Bower, Vice Chair Corey, Board Member Bernstein, Board Member Kohler, Board
4 Member Makinen, Board Member Wimmer.

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6 Absent: Board Member Shepherd

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8 Chair Bower: Since we're all here, all that are coming are here, call the meeting to order. Robin, can you
9 call roll?

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11 Chair Bower: Thanks Robin.

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13 **Oral Communications**

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15 Chair Bower: I see no cards for oral communications, so we can move to...

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17 **Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions**

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19 Chair Bower: Any changes in the agenda? I don't think so.

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21 **City Official Reports**

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23 **1. Historic Resources Board Meetings, Schedules and Assignments**

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25 Chair Bower: So, we go on to Meetings, Schedules and Assignments, page 4 in the packet. Anybody have
26 anything to add to that? Any meetings you're not going to...

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28 Board Member Makinen: I have an addition.

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30 Chair Bower: Go ahead.

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32 Board Member Makinen: I will be gone on May 23rd and I will be here on June 13th, I think.

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34 Chair Bower: Thank you. Anybody else? That takes us up to our next item, which is a discussion of our
35 retreat items.

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37 Amy French, Chief Planning Official: Before we move along, if you don't mind, on the Meetings, Schedules
38 and Assignments, I decided to put some things up here on the screen regarding the upcoming meetings,
39 because it is summer and, you know, the potential for cancellation is high. So, one of the things that I was
40 interested in knowing if there is, it was brought up at the retreat as well, Bo Crane has this book that he's
41 written, or pamphlet or something on Rock and Roll History here, and so I was thinking and I guess he
42 participates with PAST...

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46 Ms. French: Okay, so, you know, I thought it's interesting if we wanted to invite him to this Board to do
47 some kind of presentation on it, if he would be inclined to do such a presentation, it might be interesting
48 for the public. I have, someone has been in contact with me about the place that Jerry Garcia and Bob
49 Weir met and it's behind what used to be a music studio and it's right Downtown on Centennial Alley. And
50 so, they reached out to me and I'm kind of in conversation with them about their interest that way. So, I
51 thought it might be topical. I guess the Dead are coming to perform this summer and you know, tour. So,
52 it might be a good timing to have, invite Mr. Crane to come and speak to the Board. So, that's May 23rd
53 was a possibility for a date there. June 13th, the Castilleja School Project, we're anticipating the Draft EIR
54 to be published in May and, late May, so this would be an opportunity for the HRB to look at that Draft EIR
55 and the Cultural Resource Chapter on that project. And then later on in the summer, have some discussion
56 following up the retreat discussion that we have. Okay, so that was that.

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58 Chair Bower: So, could Board Members look at their calendars and let Robin or Amy know whether these
59 dates that Amy is proposing are going to be problematic. I think it would be nice to have as many of us
60 here as possible. Not just a quorum. And then, can you calendar this then, after we have weighed in?

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62 Ms. French: Yes, so we're looking at one meeting a month that works with everybody, so I'm glad Mike is
63 able to come on June 13th, because I think that Castilleja is an important meeting. Yeah, the Bo Crane is
64 informational and...

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66 Chair Bower: Yeah, I'm, by the way, on the PAST Board as well and talked to Bo on Saturday night about
67 coming to an HRB meeting. I think that's pretty flexible, because the book is almost done, I think it's being

68 published next week, this week or next week. So, we'll, I think he'd be a good person to have at a meeting,
69 but I don't think there's any urgency.

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71 **2. Follow-up Discussion Items from March 14, 2019 HRB Retreat Including Formation**
72 **of Subcommittees.**

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74 Chair Bower: Okay. Since Phil is here and you're the only person that's actually going to present something
75 to us, why don't we move to your presentation and then you can go back to your busy schedule.

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77 Phil Bobel, Assistant Director of Public Works: Just so I don't veer off in the wrong direction, Chair, could
78 you just guide me a little bit on sort of what you'd like to hear. We do have an Ordinance Proposal for what
79 we're calling Deconstruction and Increased Salvage that will be going to City Council on May 20th. So, I
80 could describe, and what this one sheet that was passed out does, is it goes over what the new proposed
81 requirements are. Is that what you want to hear?

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83 Chair Bower: Let me say that Amy can fill in after I make this comment. Michael had asked about a
84 Deconstruction Program that would include some kind of reuse of historic features on buildings that are
85 being demolished, and I think that's how we get to your presence here, and Amy, you want to add to that?

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87 Ms. French: Yes, it came up at the retreat. He had pointed questions which suggested that we didn't care,
88 we weren't doing anything, and so – we do care and there is an Ordinance coming forward and it's not in
89 my, what I do exactly. It's in the Zero Waste Group, so that's why I said, well, maybe Phil can come and
90 answer questions and let us know.

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92 Chair Bower: So, Phil, one thing you could do is update the Board on the current deconstruction policies.
93 I'm ten years away from work as an active builder here, but the last projects were did required that we
94 redirect as much usable material from a demolition as possible to, and mostly they were private companies
95 who would come in and remove windows, take hardwood floors out, hardwood flooring and other
96 appliances, and then they would either repurpose them by gift or sell.

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98 Mr. Bobel: Okay, so what I'll do then is say what the current requirement is, and then say what we're, how
99 we're proposing to enhance that or augment it. Okay?

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101 Chair Bower: Sounds great.

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103 Mr. Bobel: And then I'll try to relate it to things that would have historic value, but I have to tell you right
104 off the top that we didn't have the historic thing in our minds. Now, we're still tinkering with it. As you can

105 see, I've tinkered with the summary sheet because our thinking keeps evolving as we take more comments,
106 and it probably will evolve a little more on May 20th, when our Council gets ahold of it. So, still, if you guys
107 can think of something specific with respect to historic features, you know, we could add that. So, I'll dive
108 in and use this sheet, and it kind of, the proposal we're making kind of has two parts to it. A salvage part,
109 which I think you're more interested in, and then a deconstruction part. So, I'll start with the salvage part,
110 and there are existing requirements. So, you see that number one, it says Salvage, Survey and Reuse. So,
111 the current requirement is that, one, if it's a complete, whole house, residential demolition, one has to do
112 a Salvage Survey. So, it's not all buildings. It's not commercial at the moment. It's just residential. It's not
113 keyed to some age of the house. Regardless of that age, one has to do this Salvage Survey, if you're
114 knocking down the whole house. So, a weakness there that we're trying to figure out how to overcome is,
115 as you know, sometimes a wall gets left for certain reasons and so we're trying to figure out how to deal
116 with little problems like that. But the idea is, if you're really knocking down the whole house, and it's
117 residential, then you have to do a Salvage Survey, and Scott McKay who some of you know, is the principal
118 staff person that tracks all of this, and makes sure that the Salvage Survey gets done. So, but that's as far
119 as it goes, the current report. So, what we're adding is that once a Salvage Survey is done, you actually
120 have to salvage those things that are in this survey. It was a great first step, and I think we're ahead of a
121 lot of cities in just requiring the Salvage Survey, so that was a good first step. But now it's time for the
122 second step, we think, of actually requiring that it be salvaged. And it will change the survey a little bit,
123 because now when they put something on that, let's say they hire the, well, whoever they hire to do the
124 Salvage Survey, they're going to be looking to that entity to actually make sure it gets salvaged. So, they
125 will be less inclined to just write something down and hope for the best. They will be, it will be much more
126 scrutinized, we think, and it will be stuff that can actually be salvaged. Like I say, we didn't really have the
127 historic features in mind. If you have an idea of how we could emphasize that, we're open to it. So, Scott
128 will do his thing about making sure the survey gets completed, and then, because his plate is full up, we're,
129 our Zero Waste Team is going to kind of takeover that part of it and then make sure that the things are
130 actually salvaged. That's the short answer. And you see, I've tinkered with the – we see three phases and
131 we're trying to start, avoid confusion in our first phase. Well, hopefully, we'll avoid confusion in all phases,
132 but the first phase we've decided now, we'll just use the existing triggers, which like I say is, if you're
133 knocking down the whole house. So, we won't try to go beyond that and solve some of these other
134 problems, except, we will include commercial, and we don't think that's going to be too confusing because
135 statistically this is only probably going to add about 15 sites, 15 commercial sites that are completely
136 knocked down, will be captured. That's what the pattern has been the last several years is about 15
137 commercial sites per year, as opposed to the residential, which is more like 80 or 90. Just to give you a
138 feel for it.

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140 Ms. French: Maybe I'll jump in and let you...

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142 Mr. Bobel: Yeah, jump in.

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144 Ms. French: Okay, so one of the questions and interest was, you know, what about the (inaudible) do this
145 recycling, and so I note here on Phil's list it says that's new is Items Accepted to be Conducted by City-
146 Approved re-use organizations, so there are, you know, the market; there are, outside of Palo Alto as you
147 know, places that take salvaged materials and resell them, and so there is no...oh, I'm not on the mic,
148 shoot. Hello. We do have places outside of Palo Alto that do take salvaged materials and resell them. So,
149 there is a market for that and they're outside Palo Alto and from my understanding from Phil is, you know,
150 we're not going to be messing with that market. That's not a proposal to go, to put a yard in Palo Alto,
151 because there is a market outside Palo Alto and we don't want to go and mess with those economics, that
152 existing market. So, hopefully, that answers maybe Board Member's Makinen's question from the retreat,
153 that wondered whether we were going to create a yard in Palo Alto. We're not. I don't know if there are
154 any other questions for Phil.

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156 Chair Bower: Martin, go ahead.

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158 Board Member Bernstein: Thanks for commenting what you just mentioned, Amy, but on the very bottom
159 it says Green Waste will haul materials. So, on the very bottom; is that different than what you just said,
160 Amy?

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162 Ms. French: No, it's not. So, the question that came up at the retreat is, are we going to have a yard located
163 in Palo Alto to receive these salvaged materials? We're not. Green Waste is the hauler that Palo Alto
164 contracts with to haul everything, from people's homes to everywhere. You know, recycling, trash, all that.
165 It's the same contract.

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167 Mr. Bobel: (no mic)

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169 Chair Bower: Phil, could you turn your mic on.

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171 Mr. Bobel: Yeah. So, currently we have this confusing part of the ordinance that says, you know, we don't
172 exactly have a franchise with Green Waste. It's not considered to be a franchise, and yet the ordinance
173 does say that Green Waste will haul certain things, but for construction it also says that self-haul is okay,
174 if it's a source-separated material. In other words, if you've got pure wood, you could have somebody other
175 than Green Waste come in and take your pure wood to be recycled or reused. It sounds good at first, but
176 what actually happens is they get some other vendor in there and they throw everything under the sun in
177 this bin, and we have to fight with them to say, oh no, it was just source-separated material. You're just
178 creating a landfill bin, and we don't like that. So, to clean that up, we're saying it's got to be Green Waste.

179 You can take it to various places. We're not dictating that and we're not building anything in Palo Alto to
180 take it to, but it's got to be Green Waste. One exception to that rule is trucks; and small entities do use
181 trucks, right? Just pull a truck in and fill up the bed. So, we're not going to affect that. So, small projects
182 can still use trucks. But if you're using bins, it has to be a Green Waste bin. So, that is to clear up this
183 confusion that exists currently.

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185 (no mic)

186 Chair Bower: So, let me jump in here for a second. The last project I did for my daughter in 2014 was in
187 San Mateo. We used I'll use the firm's Redwood Hauling for debris boxes, but we specified that it go to the
188 Zanker, because Zanker Road is, I can't remember the term, but they...

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190 Mr. Bobel: They're certified.

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192 Chair Bower: Right, and nothing leaves there that's not going to a recycled facility and they take all the
193 construction debris and they compost it. That's what they used to do. I don't know what they do today.
194 So, I'm wondering why that wouldn't be acceptable, because the problem with Green Waste is, they are
195 not competitive in the market when you ask for recycling direction. And the three companies that I'm aware
196 of will ask you whether you have to have a tag that says it's gone to a recycled facility, which we did have
197 to have in San Mateo and we should have that. So, I'm a little bit concerned about giving Green Waste the
198 only opportunity here in Palo Alto when there are other equally, what I think would be equally compliant
199 opportunities.

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201 Mr. Bobel: Well, two things. One, we're, we've gotten into this whole area because when we look at the
202 data for Palo Alto, what's still going to landfills from Palo Alto is 45 percent construction related material,
203 and that kind of woke us all up about two years ago, when we said, oh my goodness. Well, if we're going
204 to meet our zero waste goals, we're going to have to address the construction. And it's not just demolition.
205 It's also stuff that's created during the construction process, right, which is a lot of stuff. So, it's demolition
206 and it's the construction phase and putting those two things together, it's 46 percent of what still goes to
207 the landfill. And some of the – what's happening is people are taking stuff and it's some of these other
208 vendors, to other landfills, and then it gets counted, because they have to report where they got it. So, the
209 Ox Mountain Landfill, these places are taking the stuff and it's originating in Palo Alto. So, that's one point.
210 The second point is, it's what you said about Zanker isn't completely correct. You said, everything that goes
211 to Zanker gets recycled. No, they have a pretty big amount, about 30 percent, of what comes in goes to a
212 landfill. So, they only get 70 percent what we call diversion at Zanker. And if its source separated, we think
213 that can be a lot better. If more material is salvaged, it can be a lot better. So, that's why we're entering
214 the fray here.

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216 Vice Chair Corey: I think what Martin is suggesting is if there was two people, you wouldn't have a monopoly
217 and you wouldn't have somebody who is completely uncompetitive. So, by having one now you don't have
218 that competition, and I know several contractors who just sneak around and do their own waste and don't
219 use Green Waste because it's too expensive. I think that's what, you know, two solves the problem. You
220 don't need everybody, but one means they can charge whatever they want. I'm sure that's obvious.

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222 Chair Bower: Well, I'm surprised, Phil, to hear that about Zanker. But I guess the point is, my question is,
223 does Green Waste then guarantee 100 percent redirection?

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225 Mr. Bobel: No, not 100 percent. So, we just think we can do better. We're not sure how much better we
226 can do.

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228 Chair Bower: Better than 70 percent?

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230 Mr. Bobel: Yeah. So, our goal, our overall City goal is 95 percent what we call diversion by 2030. That's the
231 same kind of goal that our greenhouse gas thing is. You know, we have these high-level goals here. A
232 number of them fall in 2030, and this is one of them. We're not sure how much better a place like Zanker
233 can do, but they've told us, you know, look, if you do source separation and you have, and that comes to
234 us, first of all the price will be less because it can be less than half. You bring us a big doggie pile of stuff,
235 it's one price. You bring us wood, it's a very different price, and so there's an economic advantage to
236 salvage and what we call deconstruction. We haven't gotten to deconstruction yet. That's the second part.
237 Maybe you don't need to hear about that, but know that that's part of the deal too, is trying to insure
238 deconstruction, even if it's not salvageable, so that it can be recycled better.

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240 Chair Bower: Martin, you had a follow up.

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242 Board Member Bernstein: Yeah. My camp on comments you've heard by a couple of other Board Members
243 already about the monopoly, if Green Waste is the only person, the only company that needs for bin, boxes
244 delivery. So, you know, we have special inspection requirements also for projects, and a contractor or
245 engineer can specify any, from a list of approved, has to meet all requirements, and again, I'm just thinking
246 about from a contractor's point of view, if there's no competitive bid on hauling a bin, just like this special
247 inspection, there's, you know, you have a choice. And maybe Green Waste becomes the decision, but at
248 least give contractors a choice so that they can look at some bidding opportunities. And why pass that, if
249 it's a monopoly with a monopolistic price, that hurts building, homeowners. So, why put that punishment
250 on them financially. So, just like special inspection, it still has to be done, so why not have the bin hauling,
251 it has to be done properly. Thank you.

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253 Board Member Wimmer: I have a comment yet. So, I'm actually working on a project right now where
254 we're doing a deconstruction. It's a house that we're, I mean we're going through that process right now,
255 and so we've had Green Earth Appraisals come out and they have appraised the materials that are going
256 to be deconstructed, and another element that factors into this whole process is the tax write off for the
257 homeowner, and so the Green Earth appraisal will come up with a list of items and, I guess, I don't know
258 if they attach a value to it, and then they give that itemized list to Rebuild Green who is the deconstruction
259 contractor, and then what happens is that once that material is removed, it has to be given, donated to,
260 they said there were two vendors, Habitat for Humanity or Garbage Reincarnation are the two companies
261 that will accept this material. They select one of these companies. And then once, so the appraisal, the
262 appraiser has to make sure that all of the materials that are on his list are delivered and received by one
263 of these donation companies. Then he will sign his appraisal as well as the company that receives the
264 material, and then with that the homeowner gets this, I forget the tax write off. It's a special government
265 (crosstalk).

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267 Mr. Bobel: It's like a charitable donation.

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269 Board Member Wimmer: Yeah, it's a government form that - then the homeowner doesn't get that form
270 until this process has gone, the whole process has gone through. And it's more or less, I mean, I think it's
271 great for the homeowner because it's a tax write off incentive. I think that's - and also it costs him less. It
272 will be interesting to learn how much of the material is salvaged actually and how much of it ends up in a
273 landfill. I mean, that's something that will be interesting to know. But at least it will cost him less in the
274 long run because the salvaged materials are of value and won't end up in the landfill, that he won't have
275 to pay for that kind of disposal.

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277 Chair Bower: So, let me piggyback on here. That's exactly the experience I had when I was last working,
278 and there were two benefits. The tax benefit was legitimate. But the other benefit is, that's less
279 deconstruction costs for me as a contractor and the owners, and we're also getting that material back into
280 a use stream. And so that was such an easy sell to the client and that system worked really well for me as
281 a general contractor. So, any way that the City could incorporate that kind of system which already exists,
282 or at least make that an alternative would be, I think, useful.

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284 Mr. Bobel: What Margaret described is perfectly aligned with what we're requiring, so there's no conflict
285 there. We love what she just said.

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287 Chair Bower: Yeah.

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289 Vice Chair Corey: So, circling back to the Board, do we have thoughts on something we could add to this
290 on the historic, on this historic side? Any sort of prioritized materials or treatment for anything historic or
291 other reuse opportunities for that?

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293 Board Member Wimmer: It seems like the homeowner, or whoever owns the property could, I hope,
294 logically identify what the historic value of the material is, and there are places like Omega Salvage and, I
295 guess that's the only one that comes to mind that has, in Berkley, that has, that is a retail store that sells
296 these things. I mean, I guess that's a viable way to deal with historic salvaged materials, doors, windows,
297 things like that. But another element that, you know, not to talk more about my project, but another
298 element that came up is we had to get an asbestos test, and we have, the house is all Torrance windows,
299 all still Torrance windows, which I think have some historic potential value. I love those windows, although
300 they're not energy efficient, but they all have asbestos calking in it, so I don't know how that's, the
301 deconstruction company has a, you have to have some kind of special certificate to demolish things that
302 have asbestos in it. I don't know what's going to happen, but there's that too, that when you're removing
303 old materials, you're going to run into some bio waste possible elements of these materials, which I don't
304 know what happens then.

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306 Mr. Bobel: Well, there is not a good solution for that, if there's asbestos in it, yeah.

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308 Chair Bower: Martin.

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310 Board Member Bernstein: Thank you Chair Bower. Picking up on Margaret's comment about the process,
311 the point I want to make too is that there is a chain of transfer paper trail. So, just going back to the point
312 of, well, Green Waste could be one supplier of that, of the bin service, but again, because there needs to
313 be a certified process for all this deconstruction salvage work, there is a chain of paper, and so whoever
314 hauls stuff away, you know, it's their responsibility, the contractor is going to make sure the process is
315 done properly here. So, I've gone through that process on two projects where, yeah, there is the IRS
316 certified appraiser and so the woman I used, she understood this is historic, non-historic. And then making
317 sure that the chain of paper goes to the right person, the right reseller, and all that stuff. And then, of
318 course, as Margaret mentioned, or Chair Bower mentioned, this one project, yeah, it was, the homeowner
319 saved \$44,000 in taxes. So, it's a pretty sweet deal. And so, the owners can really make it a good impression
320 on the contractor, whoever the contractor contracts with for this process, make sure that chain of paper
321 trail is correct and submitted properly. So, I think there are a lot of controls, so maybe any ordinance, that
322 might be the focus. Make sure there is a chain of information that's in the ordinance and not so much of
323 make sure you use this vendor. Thank you.

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325 Chair Bower: To answer Brandon's question about whether we should have a list of historic, or how we
326 determine whether there's an historic material that we want to save, I suppose we could, as a Board, create
327 that list, or create a subcommittee to put forward that. Martin?

328 Board Member Bernstein: Now, let's see, so let's say if there is a determination of this kind of feature is
329 historic, this is not. But that only depends if there is a market for that product, and how can we predict if
330 there is a market for that product? So, some might say, yeah, you have to store windows that are built in
331 the year 1900, but if there is no market for it, then what, someone has to pay for storage? That's crazy.

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333 Vice Chair Corey: I think you can do something, so Margaret mentioned Omega Salvage, they take stuff
334 there. Obviously, if they're filled up... We would have to be careful, maybe to your point, Martin, about
335 having like a forced requirement versus at least an attempt, right? Because, you know, if you went to
336 Omega and they wouldn't take them or they were filled, or you didn't have another venue, then I agree,
337 you wouldn't want to force people to store it. But at least that attempt, whereas now, you know, it's likely
338 just going to be... Because you know, in that case, if it's nonhistoric, so like using windows as a perfect
339 example, anything in widows today my assumption is if you ignore the historic value, they're all going to
340 be thrown away because of the energy efficiency. We can argue about that delta, but you know, that's
341 what people think. So, you automatically, any window that's been built more than ten years ago is going
342 to be thrown away, and not any historic value considered. So, at least if you had an opportunity to like say,
343 hey, for an historic house where, you know, you care more about that preservation versus the, you know,
344 miniscule amount of energy efficiency, then maybe there's an opportunity there, but then I agree, I
345 wouldn't want to say, then you have to hold it forever. Mike.

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347 Board Member Makinen: So, all good thoughts right there. Comes to mind maybe we would want to have
348 some kind of, some type of checklist with sensitivity, certain materials like ironwork, tiles that may be
349 historic that people can kind of go down the list and see if that's, any of those materials are part of their
350 inventory. A lot of people don't know what's historic. You know, you get a house and you get a Batchelder
351 Tile that's imbedded in a fireplace, and they don't know what the hell it is, and it gets ripped out. It's a
352 highly valuable piece and historically significant. So, some type of checklist.

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354 Chair Bower: Excuse me for interrupting, I didn't mean to interrupt. My sense of this discussion is that the
355 purpose of creating a list of materials that could be considered historic is not to drive those materials into
356 a storage place. It's simply to raise consciousness that there is another way to repurpose this beyond
357 Omega, although Omega is a big resource for historic materials. So, I think that it's just a way of taking
358 that survey one step farther.

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360 Vice Chair Corey: I would also add on the awareness side, historic materials to specific people can have a
361 higher value, because, you know, an historic window, you know, somebody's willing to pay a lot more than

362 a new window, for instance. So, there's another opportunity on the incentive side as well, with the
363 awareness, right.

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365 Chair Bower: I'm reminded when Michael brought up tile, I'm reminded of the storefront on Bryant, actually
366 in the building right next to or down the street from the development center, where a contractor came in
367 and ripped out the tile on those, iconic may be too strong a word, but the entrances to those buildings,
368 and Dennis Backlund, who was our historic planner, actually walked by, saw it, stopped it. And those tiles,
369 if we were to recover that kind of material and make it available, could have been put, you know, back in
370 that space. So, let's talk further about how to get this...

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372 Mr. Bobel: And if you come up with some list or triggers, we could modify this in the future. We're sort of
373 hell bent on going to Council on May 20th for this Phase One, but if we know that we're pushing here and
374 they're going to be changes, right, and we could add the feature that you're talking about where they have
375 to look for certain things. We would have to have some guidelines for that, you know. Is it a year, is it an
376 age, is it an item, but...?

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378 **Male:** Or manufacturer.

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380 Vice Chair Corey: Or manufacturer, yeah. So, maybe we can, as you suggested, Dave, maybe we could
381 create a subcommittee. But maybe in the meantime, we could just add some wording when it goes to the
382 City Council that you're working with the HRB to come up with some additional historic materials (crosstalk)

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384 Mr. Bobel: ...put that in a Staff Report and say we're working on that, and that can be added when we
385 come up with the details.

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387 (crosstalk)

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389 Board Member Makinen: What I would suggest is that maybe the HRB could take upon itself as a working
390 task to create a reference guide, you know, like a pictorial thing. This type of ironwork is sensitive, these
391 types of tiles are sensitive, others that aren't.

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393 Mr. Bobel: You know, we toyed with one idea. You know, former Council Member Karen Holman, as you
394 all probably know, was really a salvage advocate, and pushed us to do more, so one thing that we toyed
395 with was the survey would be done, and then there would be like a two-week period where people could
396 come in and actually see the stuff and local people, rather than take it to a place. I'm not familiar with
397 Omega. I'm going to check it out now that you've made me aware of it. But rather than haul it off
398 somewhere else, let people in the immediate area see it and give them time. We discarded that, the

399 contractors really didn't like that because it adds a couple of weeks on, or you know, they don't like that.
400 So, we don't have that feature in there. Just to let you know. The other thing in response, if I could just
401 say, to having Green Waste be the sole hauler, we've been – that's just the hauler. They can still dictate
402 where it goes, and that is where most of the cost is, the tipping fee. And so, there is a competitive feature
403 there. I just wanted to point that out.

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405 Chair Bower: Okay. I think we will take the next step and try to develop materials list so that you can blend
406 that in later. I would tell you, in my personal experience on the Crescent Park Neighborhood Association
407 blog, that a lot of materials are put on these Torrance windows that we're not going to reuse, does anybody
408 want them? It would be, I'm not sure how the City could do this, but...

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410 Mr. Bobel: We've toyed with that idea. It's another task. So, I mean, we would have to, you know, have
411 somebody do.

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413 Chair Bower: That's right, somebody has to put it in there.

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415 Mr. Bobel: And check it and delete the stuff that's old and, you know, you have to...

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417 Chair Bower: I know. Listen, it's not simple.

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419 Mr. Bobel: Nothing is.

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421 Chair Bower: The neighborhood is doing it now informally, and so that's encouraging to me.

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423 Mr. Bobel: Yeah, that's great.

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425 Ms. French: I think we should just announce that there's a business opportunity and there's an app for
426 that, and then someone will come forward and, you know, create a Craig's list for whatever, for this kind
427 of a thing. And then there wouldn't be a two-week waiting period. There would be, you know, instant alerts
428 or whatever, for people in the business that are looking for these things.

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430 Chair Bower: It's complicated, but it's happening. Martin.

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432 Board Member Bernstein: Yeah, picking up on that point about having people get notices about this, so, I
433 have two experiences personally where the bricks at Staller Court, formerly Laning Chateau, They were
434 removing those and they were put into a dump truck, and I just happened to walk by and I said, I'll throw
435 those away for you. Anyway, he actually drove his dump truck to my property, unloaded it, and I have all

436 those bricks. They're fantastic bricks. And then on, I think it's Wilson Condominiums on Alma street, they
437 were tearing down a 1920's house with solid redwood columns. I just happened to be driving by, I did a
438 U-turn. I told the developer, it was Kulakoff, Harrington and Kulakoff, and I said, I'll throw those away for
439 you. He said, write us a letter that you won't get hurt if you take them. I wrote a letter and he said okay.
440 I have them in my house; they're solid redwood door columns, fantastic. Anyway, my point is, only because
441 I was driving by, so maybe something we can think about is if we come up with an historic list or when
442 there's a demolition underway, maybe somehow that gets advertised somehow. Maybe the ties in with
443 your comment; just let people know about it so that, hey, Saturday come look. I'm available, let's go take
444 a look. Because you know, if people see it, oh, my God, that's fantastic.

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446 Mr. Bobel: We haven't vetted this, so I don't think we can throw it in on May 20th, but hearing you talk,
447 one thing we could require is say, everything that's on the salvage survey, you have to post it on a website.
448 Maybe it's the City website. That, if we make it there, and then you have to take it down, so it isn't
449 confusing.

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451 Ms. French: Or there this Nextdoor (crosstalk)

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453 Mr. Bobel: Yeah, or put it on Nextdoor. So, that's a good idea. We have to be careful. We can't just throw
454 stuff in without vetting it, so again, I think that would have to be kind of an augmentation later, but that's...

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456 Ms. French: Encourage without requiring.

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458 Mr. Bobel: Yeah, we can do that in a Staff Report, and then we could make it an actual requirement later.
459 That's a good idea.

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461 Chair Bower: Can I ask a question about how this process would apply to a residential building in the
462 downtown area that's going to be demolished and replaced by a commercial building?

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464 (no mic)

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466 Chair Bower: Well, there are several, but I was just thinking, according to what you have described, Phil,
467 this is only currently applicable to residential properties.

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469 Mr. Bobel: Currently, but we're adding commercial.

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471 Chair Bower: Right, but if a residential building downtown was going to be replaced by a large building,
472 this technically wouldn't apply then?

473 Mr. Bobel: No, it would. If they knocked the whole residential building down, it would apply.
474 Chair Bower: Even if it was currently being used in a commercial way?
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476 Mr. Bobel: Yeah.
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478 Chair Bower: These downtown, you know, old...
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480 Mr. Bobel: Oh, I see what you're saying.
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482 Chair Bower: The cottage, the 20's cottages that are currently being...
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484 Mr. Bobel: Used for commercial purposes.
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486 Chair Bower: Yeah.
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488 Mr. Bobel: Yeah, so it would now catch them. There would be some confusion under the existing ordinance,
489 because it doesn't cover commercial, but when we put this in place, it will cover both residential and
490 commercial. So, whatever you call it, if you knock the whole thing down, it's covered.
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492 Chair Bower: So, it's really original use rather than current use.
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494 Mr. Bobel: Well, it just doesn't matter because they're both covered when we do this
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496 Ms. French: Residential, nonresidential.
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498 Chair Bower: Whole house demolition, I'm sorry, whole building demolition.
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500 Mr. Bobel: Whole building demolition.
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502 Chair Bower: There you go. All right.
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504 Mr. French: When you say commercial, do you mean nonresidential, which covers both commercial and
505 non – let's say industrial or...
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507 Mr. Bobel: And it covers the multi-family below four units, so it covers everything.

508 Board Member Bernstein: And then, so I guess in termination, right now there is a word that says whole
509 house, so maybe instead of whole house, it should be whole building, whole structure, for example.
510 Eventually the ordinance would say that, instead of whole house, would be whole structure.

511 Mr. Bobel: Right. Yeah, good point.

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513 Chair Bower: Okay, any other comments or questions that you want, Board Members want to ask Phil? I
514 don't see any. So, Phil, thank you very much.

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516 Ms. French: Thank you. This was on a moment's notice and Phil was gracious to accept.

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518 Mr. Bobel: We're trying to get ideas and you've got a lot of good ones.

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520 Chair Bower: Okay, so we will work on the list and try to get that to you before the end of the century.

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522 Mr. Bobel: (no mic)

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524 Chair Bower: Good. Thank you. Okay, we have...

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526 Ms. French: Maybe we can return to the...

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528 Chair Bower: Study Session?

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530 Ms. French: The Agenda basically, yeah, so the Retreat follow-up. So, the first items, you know, information
531 and staff research, I put it in that bucket. And the second item will be subcommittee discussion, and then
532 we have approval of minutes. This is today's agenda. So, we just covered the salvage reuse follow up. And
533 then there was also a question about, you know, in-lieu parking for residential downtown, so I just wanted
534 to make you all aware that an ordinance was adopted by City Council on April 1st. This goes into effect May
535 1st, and what it did was allows 100 percent residential use in the CDC Zone District. Previously, you had to
536 do a mixed-use project within the CDC, and now 100 percent residential is allowed. And then, if you do
537 100 percent affordable residential, then you get parking exemptions. And then the Council directed staff
538 and the Planning Commission to work together towards additional research and proposals for decoupling
539 parking and in-lieu parking and off-site parking for residential downtown development. One thing just to
540 be aware of is the in-lieu program that was established way back when, and the assessment district, were
541 related to nonresidential developments. So, they did study the parcels all downtown and came up with,
542 you know, how many parking spaces are not provided for this, you know, use, commercial or nonresidential
543 uses. And then they assigned a number to that and then there was a value to that and there was a payment
544 for those spaces not provided. But it was all based on a one space for every 250 square feet. We call it the

545 blended rate, and so that's what was paid into the Assessment Program that covered the parking garages
546 that have been built, and going forward, the next set of parking garages. So, there've been issues; for
547 instance, churches. This church across the street is a good example of a building that was never assessed
548 for parking not provided, because it wasn't a commercial use. You know, we have that same situation for
549 residential uses. They weren't assessed. So, going forward, this is the kind of thing that would be studied
550 as, gosh, if somebody wants to come in and put a residential project, can they pay in-lieu fees for parking
551 spaces not provided. I think that's the question. It's not set up that way right now, as far as I understand.

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553 Chair Bower: So, could you help me understand how in a residential situation, if there was an in-lieu
554 payment, that would exempt parking on that parcel, what does that in-lieu payment, who does that benefit?
555 They're not going to build a parking structure in a residential neighborhood to accommodate this particular
556 property that has no parking. That's the theory, as I understand it, about downtown parking. You can't
557 create a parking space, because the Downtown commercial district is too dense, so you pay into a fund
558 that supports the parking lots and now their garages. So, there is a direct benefit between the in-lieu
559 payment and the need for more parking, but I don't see where that in-lieu payment benefits the residential
560 neighbors who live around some... Can you help me understand that?

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562 Ms. French: Well, and this is again what the Council has directed staff to study, is my understanding. In
563 the Downtown zone specifically, if there was a residential project that say proposed not to provide parking,
564 if it's affordable that's fine. If it's not affordable, it's market rate, the people do need to have parking
565 spaces, so if, you know, right now the only payments are for commercial or nonresidential, and that's to
566 build the parking garages. So, if a residential, if that was contemplated, that they also could pay into in-
567 lieu for those parking spaces in a garage nearby.

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569 Chair Bower: But this is only in the Downtown?

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571 Ms. French: We're only talking about the CDC specifically.

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573 Chair Bower: Okay, so that's what I didn't understand. I'm thinking of a situation where you would have,
574 you know, a small multi-unit building built in a more residential area, like the South Forest area. I don't
575 know if that's included in the downtown.

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577 Ms. French: Yeah, so the Downtown Parking Assessment District is where the in-lieu program exists. If it's
578 outside the assessment district, so some of the South Forest areas are, most of the South Forest area is
579 outside the assessment district. There are some parcels within South Forest area that are within the Parking
580 Assessment District.

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582 Chair Bower: So, there's no proposal to make this a Citywide program?

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584 Ms. French: My understanding from the April 1st action is it's specific to the CDC Zone. You know, we want
585 to explore having greater housing, and here we are next to this train station, that it seems like we could
586 have more density for housing, and in fact, this ordinance requires, limits the floor area of these multi-
587 family housing units, developments. You can only have 1500 square feet per unit, so it's forcing smaller
588 units and therefore more units to solve our housing, or go towards our housing, some of the housing crisis
589 here, and with that, 100 percent no parking. But, yeah, it's not going to, it's not looked at as going beyond
590 the CDC Zone at this point.

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592 Chair Bower: Martin, did you have a comment?

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594 Board Member Bernstein: (no mic)

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596 Ms. French: Correct. I created this for today.

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598 Board Member Bernstein: (no mic)

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600 Chair Bower: Okay, do you want to continue.

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602 Ms. French: I created it this morning so we could have some talking points.

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604 Board Member Bernstein: Thank you.

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606 Ms. French: So, basically that follow-up. Then the next topic is the subcommittees, so I just threw this
607 together. The first one, I guess Birge Clark began work 2019 with his father designing a famous house
608 over on Stanford, the Lou Henry Hoover House; the other one. Because then we have the Lou Henry
609 Hoover Girl Scout House next to the Junior Museum and Zoo. So, this was one, you know, if you want to
610 do a celebrations subcommittee, you know, if you want to have a couple of folks that are interested in
611 exploring these events that might come up, and this is one of them. I think anyone on the PAST Board
612 knows what's going on with the Birge Clark 100 Year that's coming up.

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614 Chair Bower: Its next year isn't it? I think it's 2020 or maybe beyond. It has been a topic of discussion at
615 recent Board meetings, but I missed the last Board meeting, so I don't really know which, where, how it's
616 moving forward. But there is talk about it.

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618 Ms. French: So, I just threw on the screen here, this is related to that. You know, Birge Clark was called
619 the architect of Palo Alto, and you know, I've gone and looked these things up. So, he established an
620 architectural firm in Palo Alto in 1922. It was the only architectural firm in Palo Alto at that time, and this
621 was one of the first houses he designed in Palo Alto that I'm aware. It was built in 1923. It's a Category IV
622 on the City's Historic Inventory. They recently cleared the vegetation from the property, and now you can
623 see it. It's in the DPR Form, which is - as you have probably seen, these 1970's forms are very limited in
624 what they say. It just says it's the Hansel and Gretel scaled Tudor, and, you know, everything's kind of
625 scaled down, so it's cute, but it does have this very peaked roof. It's for sale and I've been in conversation
626 with potential buyers, and we have a potential buyer that is, you know, getting towards the end of that
627 process. Anyways, there's, the reason I put this on here is sometimes there is maybe support needed for,
628 to try to help folks that are trying to do the right thing and buy a property because they're interested in
629 preserving it. So, is there interest in, you know, part of the community outreach maybe an assistance
630 subcommittee that could be a contact. You know, for instance I could refer and say, hey, you want to call
631 somebody on this community outreach and assistance subcommittee and they can talk through some things
632 because it's not something I can take on. Some of those things might involve, you know, talking to
633 appraisers or what have you and helping people, folks, banks or whatever, understand that there's a value
634 to historic and it's not just teardown. And help them achieve their goal of preserving a building. Anyways,
635 it's just a thought.

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637 Chair Bower: Do you have the address of where that house is?

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639 Ms. French: Yes, it's on Everett.

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641 Board Member Makinen: Just a comment on that house. That's kind of in my neighborhood. I went through
642 it just before, as it was being sold.

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644 Ms. French: It hasn't been sold yet. It's in the process.

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646 Board Member Makinen: Pardon?

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648 Ms. French: It's in process of being sold.

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650 Board Member Makinen: Yes, the process of being sold. But that sold almost immediately, which kind of
651 validates the value of an historic property. It's a very small house and not capable of meeting modern living
652 conditions for most families. But the family that purchased it, my understanding in talking to the realtor, is
653 a person who bought it for his parents to live in.

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655 Ms. French: The sale hasn't completed. My understanding, because, you know, for each and every one of
656 these houses that goes on the market that's either listed on our inventory or listed as potentially eligible, I
657 get those calls. It keeps me very busy, buyers and sellers, and so this is one of them, and to go through
658 and say, well, what does the code say about Category IV's outside of downtown, not a real good
659 preservation.

660 (crosstalk)

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662 Ms. French: We're lucky when people come forward that want to preserve something. That's a very lucky
663 occurrence.

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665 Board Member Makinen: Yeah, it was Michael Dreyfuss who had the listing, and the house sold for pretty
666 much what they were asking for it. But I talked with him and he was lamenting the fact that, oh, it's historic.
667 We can't do a thing about it, it's a Category IV. Anybody that buys it has to have it exactly like it is right
668 now. So, I mean...

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670 **Male**: Misinformation.

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672 Board Member Makinen: Yeah, I mean, that's the whole point. He was kind of down on the historic
673 preservation thing, which indicates to me we need to do some more work on educating some of these
674 prime realtors in town, what the real story is, because they think that if it's historic it can't be touched.

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676 Ms. French: Yeah, it's a day-to-day conversation with each and every buyer and each and every realtor
677 that calls. I mentioned at the retreat that I had done a big presentation to the realtor group that meets,
678 SLVAR. There were about 80 realtors there, so I spoke with all of them, at least, in a big room. But, yeah,
679 how does the message get out there? How does the message get transmitted from, you know, to new
680 sellers who, this is new to them? They want to get maximum dollars and they don't know. I mean, they
681 don't necessarily call us, the realtors do.

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683 Chair Bower: Can I interrupt briefly. Brandon has to leave, so before he goes, when we're looking at these.
684 Can we go back, Amy, to this page? I don't think today I want to try to create some committees for all of
685 these ideas. I'd like to have Board Members think about this. We already have a Mills Act Subcommittee,
686 which I want to talk about in a moment. Could Board Members review this and then maybe Robin could
687 send an email to all Board Members asking interest and then people can just respond, so we can get a
688 sense of who is interested in what.

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690 Vice Chair Corey: Should we also add one for the conversation we had earlier to the list? About a salvage?

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692 Chair Bower: Right. Thank you. Okay, so I know you have to go, Brandon, but I just wanted to get that in
693 the record, so we can have...

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695 Ms. French: (no mic)

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697 Chair Bower: Well, we're not done. I don't want to... Well, we still have a quorum. Do you have any?

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699 Vice Chair Corey: I have no issue with the minutes.

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701 Chair Bower: I have a lot of them, but that's another issue. Okay. Thank you. See you next meeting. So, if
702 we could stay on this list for a moment, my impression is that the HRB Awards Program could be easily
703 partnered with PAST and PAHA. I think they have some similar type of recognition award. So, I'm not sure
704 we would need to have a subcommittee doing that. I think we can probably facilitate that outside of a...
705 But maybe other Board Members have a different opinion. I'm very interested in outreach, and I think your
706 ability to talk to 80 real estate agents at once is enormously helpful and I'm thinking we should try to figure
707 out a way to communicate with the local real estate board. I can't remember what it's called.

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709 Ms. French: SLVAR is the one that I spoke to. Silicon Valley Realtor Association.

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711 Chair Bower: They should know every meeting that we have, they should get some kind of email or
712 something with our topics just to be in their inbox. And if we can get them to publicize it so that their
713 members can actually come here and experience the evaluation process, the benefits and so forth, I think
714 that would be helpful. Midcentury Modern Era, the grant preparation, and the Mills Act, I think I will speak
715 for the Mills Act Subcommittee, I think we're stuck because we don't have any staff support, because we
716 don't have an historic planner. So, my request would be that we get Page and Turnbull to be that person
717 that Emily Vance was. We got an enormous amount of work done, very close to being ready to move this
718 to the next level of consideration. But I don't think we can do that without somebody. And I think the Mid-
719 century Modern context grant is another place where we need to have the outside consultant really step in
720 as an entity in place of our historic planner. So, I don't know how we move that forward, but maybe you
721 and I can talk about that. So, any Board Members have any other comments on these committees?

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723 Ms. French: I would just add to that Mid-century Modern, I referenced earlier, some folks had contacted
724 me about, is there a way to commemorate this meeting of New Year's Eve of 1963 of Jerry Garcia and Bob
725 Weir, you know, in the Centennial Allery over here? And so, you know, I can help connect them to people,
726 but it's tough being in my role, whatever.

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728 Chair Bower: You're 25 different titles?

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730 Ms. French: Well, it's more like I'm over code enforcement, so I can't tell them, well just go do something,
731 you know. It's more like, connect them to people that can brainstorm what to do. I contacted a property
732 owner and say, hey, you know, this is of interest to these people, but I can only go so far. So, this is just
733 one of these things that's not 100 years old, so the PAST or PAHA will not pick up on this. It's 50 years.
734 There're things that happened here in the 1960's that are very much of interest, so there's no plaque for
735 that at this point. There may be events or place that maybe there's an interest in midcentury modern that
736 could consider some kind of recognition. I don't know, it's not awards but it's recognition of the importance
737 of the 1960's, let's say.

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739 Chair Bower: I think Bo Crane's book about the Rock history, which is starting in the 50's really, but
740 accelerates quite a bit in the late 60's is certainly the first step in publicizing this.

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742 Ms. French: (no mic) speak, and then maybe somebody wants to be on a subcommittee that, you know.

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744 Chair Bower: Okay. So, Martin.

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746 Board Member Bernstein: On the community outreach, I'd be willing to participate. So, if you're meeting
747 with real estate agents again, I enjoy speaking to real estate agents to help address some of the questions
748 that you get from them.

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750 Board Member Kohler: I'd like to comment.

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752 Chair Bower: Sure.

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754 Board Member Kohler: I've been sitting here for a while. For some reason I wrote down, when did I get on
755 this Board, and I think it's 1998. Martin, you came on with me at the same time. 1998, so that's 21 years
756 ago.

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758 (no mic)

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760 Board Member Kohler: Yeah, so we've been on this committee for...

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762 Board Member Bernstein: So, are we Category III or IV, Roger?

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764 Board Member Kohler: I don't know. You're talking about Rock and Roll bands. I played in a band for quite
765 a while, and our main people we went to see every month was the Community Association for the Retarded

766 on Middlefield. We played there for ten years and they thought we were the best thing ever known to Rock
767 and Roll. It was a wonderful, wonderful thing that we worked on.

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769 Ms. French: It sounds like you might want to be on the subcommittee.

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771 Board Member Kohler: What?

772 (no mic)

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774 Board Member Kohler: Oh, I learned playing guitar. I wasn't that great, but I ended up base in the band
775 because the base is fuzzy and you can't really hear the base, so I was pretty good at that.

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777 Chair Bower: Okay. Is there any other discussion of that particular issue?

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779 Ms. French: I have one more slide, and this was, I was envisioning coming back and having a discussion,
780 because I brought this up at the retreat, is there any interest in learning about the history of what happened
781 with the ordinance back in the late 90's and what we're doing and what we, how to plan forward towards...
782 You know, we have 165 National Register eligibles. They're not on our inventory, so they're not protected
783 under the ordinance in the same way as the ones that are on the, the Category I's and II's on the inventory.
784 We have a Comp Plan that gave us some goals and policies, but we don't have a program yet to move
785 forward on any of that, so that's another kind of information session or discussion, study session, whatever,
786 to have going forward.

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788 Chair Bower: So, is this L7.2, Proposed Language, or is this actual?

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790 Ms. French: No, that's what's causing, since January of last year, me to have Page and Turnbull do historic
791 evaluations each and every time somebody comes through the IR, Individual Review Program for a new
792 two-story house or second floor addition, that we need to analyze it for California Register eligibility.

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794 Chair Bower: Unless, of course, if they want to replace the house with a single-story house where there is
795 no Individual Review and that's...

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797 Ms. French: We're not broadcasting that too much, but yes.

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799 Chair Bower: Nobody's watching us.

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801 Ms. French: Probably not. So, anyways, this was another slide I just put up there because I think if there
802 is interest, you know, it's kind of – we've got this awareness program that recognizes and honors 100-year-

803 old houses. We've got others that, you know, will be coming eligible and have been identified as eligible.
804 There's no protection really. What do we do about that and do we want to start recognizing some of those
805 in a way that recognizes that, hey, you didn't tear that down, that's nice? And then they went and fixed
806 that, and it's not 100 years old, but it's... I don't know. Is there something that we can do to encourage
807 and elevate these newly identified eligible resources? There might be something there.

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809 Board Member Makinen: May I make a suggestion? On your bold type right here, the third line down, this
810 is L7.2, Inventory City Staff Shall Consider Whether it is Eligible for Inclusion. Can we say City Staff and
811 HRB Shall Consider?

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813 Ms. French: We can't because this was published in 2017 in the Comprehensive Plan. So, this is not being
814 considered. This is adopted in the Comprehensive Plan of 2017. This is already done. I'm just putting it
815 again on the screen so you're aware of it.

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817 (no mic)

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819 Ms. French: Yeah. Again, this is the thing that is causing new eligible resources to be identified.

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821 Board Member Makinen: The point I'm trying to make, I think the HRB is being short circuited on a lot of
822 these things that we should be saying. City Staff gets to look at them, and we never get a chance to weigh
823 in on it. That's one of my points of contention right here.

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825 Ms. French: Well, I'm bringing it here to talk with you about the program so you understand what is in
826 place. I mean, the wordsmithing of this policy back in 2017, I can't talk to that exactly. I wasn't involved
827 in that, but it's here now and we're doing something about it now. What I'm saying is, maybe we have a
828 study session in August, September, where we talk about it; you know, there're at least six new eligible
829 resources that I can think of that were identified. What are we doing about that? What does the HRB want
830 to do to participate in the next steps about say those 165 National Register that are already with the State,
831 but are somewhat unprotected. You know, we have a policy that says, we should look at our inventory and
832 perhaps add some of these eligible homes onto our inventory. That's a process I'm inviting participation in,
833 so that's what I'm doing about it.

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835 Chair Bower: So, you think that a subcommittee of HRB Members would be able to facilitate this evaluation?

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837 Ms. French: Well, could work with me or the HRB, sorry, or Page and Turnbull, if I can put some money
838 into that contract to do some other things. This is again, this is on a probably medium or long-term
839 Comprehensive Plan implementation trajectory, so to move it up ahead, sooner, would require some work

840 by somebody. So, if there is HRB subcommittee interest and activity working with me, then maybe we can
841 map out how to move that forward sooner than later.

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843 Chair Bower: I think you just timed out.

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845 Board Member Wimmer: But it looks like that's slated for an August, to revisit that issue in August.

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847 Ms. French: I was thinking, as I was mapping forward what our next agendas – I thought, well, what are
848 we doing in July and maybe I can come and share the list of eligibles that have been evaluated during this
849 last year.

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851 Board Member Wimmer: I think that's a great idea.

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853 Ms. French: And, you know, talk about what our ordinance does and doesn't do, and again, the Comp Plan
854 policies that say we should do something.

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856 Board Member Wimmer: And are they both commercial and residential?

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858 Ms. French: The ones, yes, there are some that are, have been deemed eligible for California Register, and
859 there are some projects that are commercial projects that would involve CEQA documents about those. So,
860 when we talk about commercial projects, or non-single-family residential projects, there's a, because it's
861 subject to Architectural Review Board and it's discretionary, they can't just do like what Chair Bower said,
862 and just say, well, I'm going to do a single-family, single-story home and get out of it. When it's in
863 Architectural Review application discretionary, there is a whole CEQA process for that, because they are
864 not exempt from CEQA when it's a multi-family or non-single-family.

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866 Chair Bower: Do you want us to take any action on this projected path?

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868 Ms. French: This is just giving you my ideas for what we can do at these meetings, because, again, we
869 don't really have projects that are on file that are subject to our Historic Resource Ordinance, Preservation
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872 Chair Bower: Can you send this slide to me in an email?

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874 Ms. French: Yes.

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876 Chair Bower: I guess all of us could...

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Ms. French: Strategize.

Chair Bower: Could look at it and think about it. Okay. Anything else on this topic? I think that takes us through our agenda except for Minutes.

Study Session

Action Items

Approval of Minutes

3. Draft Minutes of March 14, 2019 Historic Resources Board Meeting.

Chair Bower: I'm sure no one has any changes in the Minutes. I had a brief conversation with Robin prior to the start of the meeting, and one of the things that bothers me the most about this, the way in which minutes are transcribed is that there are grammatical errors that make understanding what was discussed somewhat difficult, and I started to mark up some and decided that it's such, in this case such an overwhelming process. There are little things like apostrophes that need to be put into place because that changes the meaning of, you know, a word with an s at the end of it. So, I don't have any suggestions for changes in this because the gist of our conversation, which was quite long, is there, but I'm just expressing some frustration in the way in which this is preserved. And I am reminded of reading a 1998 Council discussion of Historic Resources Board issue, and those, there were grammatical errors in that discussion, and it made it somewhat hard to understand what was being discussed, and so that's why I'm thinking about this. I don't know that there's any particular way we can make this clearer, but it's my comment. Anybody want to make any changes?

Board Member Makinen: Well, I tend to agree with you. I went through these minutes, and they were pretty difficult to comprehend a lot of things. Like you have the worst, instead of using to, it is too thing. There are a number of different things like that.

Chair Bower: Yeah, exactly.

Board Member Makinen: I could have a long shopping list if I wanted to go through them.

Chair Bower: So, do I have a motion to approve?

914 **MOTION**

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916 Board Member Wimmer: I'll move to approve the minutes.

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918 Chair Bower: Is there a second?

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920 Board Member Bernstein: I'll second it.

921 Chair Bower: All right, with a motion to approve and a second and no further discussion, all in favor say
922 aye. All those not in favor?

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924 **MOTION PASSED WITH A VOTE OF 5-0 WITH VICE CHAIR COREY ABSENT**

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926 Chair Bower: All right. So, we've taken care of that.

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928 **Subcommittee Items**

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930 **Board Member Questions, Comments and Announcements**

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932 Chair Bower: All right. Well, thank you for putting together these set of slides. It makes our path forward,
933 I think, a little more straightforward. And with that, let's see, our next meeting will be May 9th, is that right?

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937 Chair Bower: 23rd? Oh, May 23rd.

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939 Ms. French: Due to absences that were projected at the retreat or at some point, we're kind of targeting
940 one meeting a month, so the next meeting I believe is on the screen, May 23rd will be our next. So, we'll
941 cancel the meeting of whatever that is, 5/8, 9.

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943 Chair Bower: May 9th, nine on our calendar.

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945 Ms. French: In fact, I'm out of town, so that works out. And then June 13th is an important meeting because
946 that's where I'm targeting for the Castilleja, I'm the project planner for the Castilleja Project.

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948 Chair Bower: Good. All right. Any Board Member comments or announcements? I see none, so I think that
949 we will consider the meeting adjourned. Thank you very much for your participation.

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