



# HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, September 24, 2015, Meeting  
8:30 A.M., Council Chambers

## Call to Order

## Roll Call

Present: Chair Roger Kohler, Vice Chair Michael Makinen, Board Members Martin Bernstein, David Bower, Beth Bunnenberg, Patricia DiCicco, Margaret Wimmer

Absent: None.

Staff: Jodie Gerhardt, Interim Current Planning Manager; Matthew Weintraub, Planner; Diana Tamale, Administrative Associate III

**Oral Communications:** None.

**Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions.** None.

## Minutes Approval: September 10, 2015

Board Member Bunnenberg corrected page 3 to indicate that a diagram in the original submission included the footprints of the house and the barn rather than traces of the house were located.

**MOTION:** Board Member Bower moved, seconded by Vice Chair Makinen, to approve the Minutes as corrected.

**MOTION PASSED:** 7-0

Vice Chair Makinen inquired about the summary of HRB action he and Board Member Bower were to review. Matthew Weintraub advised that Staff was in the final stages of preparing the summary for review.

**Public Hearings:** None.

## Board Items

1. **Public Art Master Planning:** Presentation by Public Art Program staff and their master plan consultants on the public art master planning process and request for comments and input from the Board. The item was continued from the September 10, 2015 meeting.

Elise DeMarzo, Public Art Program Director, reported that the intent of the master planning process was to prioritize sites, themes and strategic partnerships and review policies and procedures. She introduced Barbara Goldstein who was the City's consultant for the master planning process.

Barbara Goldstein advised that she and Gail Goldman had spent the prior months learning about the history of public art and current practices in Palo Alto, reviewing and evaluating the current collection of public art and interviewing stakeholders. Next, they would summarize emerging themes, make recommendations for opportunities and best practices, and return to stakeholders to review the plan. She shared and explained public art pieces located in various cities.

Board Members shared public art pieces they had seen and appreciated. Board Members inquired regarding artwork in the context of historic structures and HRB review of art installations. Board Members commented on potential locations, education about funding public art, partnerships and donations, and temporary artwork.

Chair Kohler requested contact information for Ms. DeMarzo and Ms. Goldstein be provided to Board Members.

2. **51 Encina Avenue:** Request by Board Members Bernstein and Bunnenberg for discussion regarding the property located at 51 Encina Avenue, which is a designated Category 2 Historic Structure/Site in the Palo Alto Historic Inventory. The item was continued from the September 10, 2015 meeting.

Matthew Weintraub noted staff had not been able to contact the Palo Alto Medical Foundation representative. At the prior meeting, the HRB suggested three specific actions be taken to preserve the structure.

Board Member Bernstein suggested he and Board Member Bunnenberg attempt to meet with the representative to discuss the site. Chair Kohler concurred. Board Member Bower suggested Board Members Bernstein and Bunnenberg also contact news outlets regarding the historic structure.

Board Members discussed recent media coverage of the HRB. Mr. Weintraub reviewed staff's and the HRB's roles with respect to the media.

### **Board/Staff Announcements, Updates, Reports, and Comments**

Board Members Bernstein, Bower, Bunnenberg and Wimmer would attend the CPF Design Awards on October 2, 2015. One additional space was available for an HRB member.

A Request for Proposal for the Professorville Historic Design Guidelines was released the previous day. Proposals were due by October 16, 2015. Work was scheduled to begin in November and to be completed by September 30, 2016.

The Bylaws stated the annual election of HRB officers would occur at the first meeting in October. Staff would place an item on the agenda for October 8, 2015.

Demolition of the structure located at 757 College Avenue was scheduled to occur on October 20, 2015 because of numerous dangerous and substandard conditions found by the Chief Building Official.

### **Adjournment**