

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Virginia Strawser.

Members Present: Virginia Strawser, Bob Grieb, Georgina Valencia, William Martin, Steven Cullen, Steve Pastis

Committee Members Absent: Jesus Gutierrez (excused absence)

Staff Representatives Present: Andy Chamberlain, Nancy Loliva

Citizens Present: Joyce Nielson, Michael Kreps, Valerie Deveraux, Terry Ommen

A. Citizens' Requests: None

B. Minutes: Nancy noted the application review for Joyce Nielson as recorded in the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting should read, "Nancy said that the soonest her application could come before the City Council was February 21st." Bob moved to accept the minutes as amended. Steven seconded. Passed 5-0.

C. Project Reviews: HPAC No. 2012-01

Andy presented a request by Valerie Deveraux to allow the installation of a wrought iron fence and gates at 603 N. Court Street (APM 094-014-005). The proposed 4'-8" fence would be on three sides of the home. City Staff found any of the five different styles shown its report acceptable and recommended the style selection be left to the applicant. William moved to accept the application per staff recommendation. Steve seconded. Passed 5-0. Andy explained the appeal process to Valerie Deveraux.

D. Discussion Items:

1. Land Use Element Policies for Historic Preservation

Andy passed out copies of the Proposed Historic Preservation Policies to be presented to GPURC. Michael Kreps noted that the web site doesn't have the most current Historic Element information. A discussion of the probable GPURC process followed. William suggested that HPAC be proactive with its recommendations because it represents the least controversial element and GPURC might be tempted to speed through them.

2. Historic Recognition Program

Nancy made 50 copies of the program for the Togni-Branch plaque ceremony on January 12th. She reported that Mayor Amy Shuklian and property co-owner Harvey May would make brief remarks at the event. A misspelling on the plaque "would be taken care of." Virginia reported that verbiage was just about done for the plaque for the home at 525 N. Court St., which would likely be the site of the next plaque ceremony.

3. Report from GPURC Policy Sub-Committee

It was noted that the sub-committee had not met since the last HPAC meeting.

The discussion returned to **Item 1**, starting with another discussion of the probable GPURC process. Andy said he would print paperwork (for 30 people) to present at the GPURC meeting. Georgina moved to add the Mills Act and Federal Tax Credits to, and include the words "but not limited to" in HP-O-5. Bob seconded. Passed 6-0.

4. Committee and Staff Comments

Steven inquired about the status of the Homebuilders Addition. Andy said he hopes to take everything to the Planning Commission in March. A discussion of how Andy could get scans of all the paperwork to the committee followed. Joyce suggested using dropbox.com. Michael Kreps asked about the survey results. Terry Ommen inquired about individual homes in the proposed district being added to the Local Registry. Michael Kreps said Visalia Heritage needed more Historic Homes Tour brochures and suggested that they may help pay for reprinting the brochures.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pastis, Acting HPAC Recording Secretary