



**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
HEARING SYNOPSIS**

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Study Session
HLC Photo Contest preparation
5:00 P.M.
City Hall Room T-332

Regular Session
6:00 P.M.
Council Wing, Rooms W-118 & W-119
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA

Commission Members

Patricia Colombe, Chair
Dana Peak, Vice Chair
Heather Jackson Steven Cohen
Tania Nunez Robert Abatecola
Ramiro Torres

Joseph Horwedel, Director
Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

Agenda
Order Of Business
6:00 P.M. Session

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONER PEAK ABSENT.

1. DEFERRALS

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

No Items

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission, staff or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately. If anyone in the audience wishes to speak on one of these items, please make your request at this time.

No Items

The following items are considered individually:

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Adoption of the [Historic Landmarks Commission Fiscal Year 2009-2010 work plan](#).

HLC FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 WORK PLAN ADOPTED (6-0-1, PEAK ABSENT).

4. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

- a. **Ordinance Revision:** Review and comment on an ordinance of the City of San Jose amending Title 17.38 of the San Jose Municipal Code to create standards for the maintenance and security of Vacant Buildings, to create the requirement for alarms in City Landmark Buildings, and to create a Neglected Building Inventory. Council District: Citywide. SNI: All. CEQA: Exempt. *Project Manager, Jamie Matthews, Code Enforcement*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Historic Landmarks Commission recommend approval of the ordinance revisions as recommended by staff.

THE HLC WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROPOSAL, AND ASKED THAT THE ORDINANCE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROTECTING TYPICAL VACANT PROPERTIES, AND LANDMARK PROPERTIES, WHERE INDIVIDUAL FEATURES, SUCH AS STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, MIGHT NEED TO BE BOARDED UP FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RESOURCE.

- b. **Ordinance Revision:** Review and comment an ordinance of the City of San Jose amending Title 20 of the San Jose Municipal Code to expand the allowed uses in Historic Landmark Buildings, subject to a Special Use Permit. Council District: Citywide. SNI: All. CEQA: Exempt. *Project Manager, John Davidson*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Historic Landmarks Commission recommend approval of the ordinance revisions as recommended by staff.

THE HLC WAS SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROPOSAL, AND ASKED STAFF TO CONSIDER REQUIRING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WHEN THE USE WOULD NORMALLY REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND TO REFER NEW USES THAT REQUIRE ANY EXTERIOR CHANGES TO BE REFERRED TO THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

5. OPEN FORUM

- a. Summary of communications received by the Historic Landmarks Commission
- (1) HLC Correspondence
- b. Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission cannot engage in any substantive discussion or take any formal action in response to the public comment. The Commission can only ask questions or respond to statements to the extent necessary to determine whether to (1) refer the matter to staff for follow-up; (2) request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or (3) direct staff to place the item on a future agenda. Each member of the public may fill out a speaker's card and has up to two minutes to address the Commission.

BRIAN GRAYSON FROM PAC-SJ REITERATED HIS REQUEST TO HAVE A DISCUSSION REGARDING RENAMING OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS.

COMMISSIONER COHEN ASKED TO AGENDIZE AN ITEM TO CONSIDER RENAMING THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS ANF LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

6. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from Secretary, Planning Commission, and City Council
1. [Update on the Donner-Houghton house, File HP09-004.](#)

THE COMMISSION ASKED ABOUT NEXT STEPS IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE PROCESS, AND ASKED ABOUT OTHER REMEDIES, SUCH AS CALLING CODE ENFORCEMENT.

- b. Commissioners' report from Committees:

1. Design Review Subcommittee (Colombe, Cohen and Peak)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month as necessary

No Report (3/17/10 meeting cancelled)

2. History San José Collections Committee (Jackson)
Meets the 2nd Thursday of every 3rd month at 12 noon

Report

3. GP Update Task Force Progress Report (Colombe and Cohen)

- c. [Review of 3/3/10 HLC Meeting Report.](#)

MEETING REPORT ACCEPTED (6-0-1, PEAK ABSENT).

- d. Status of Circulation of Environmental Review Documents
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/>

ADJOURNMENT