

**Heritage Preservation Board**  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2004

**Miscellaneous Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Jim Adams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Board Members Marilyn River, Sallyanne Wilson, Helen Heitkamp, Grayson Marshall, Kathleen Kearley-Green, Planner Kristin Teiche, and Recording Secretary Nathalie Bamatter.

Absent: Boardmember Nancy Curley.

**Staff Report – Kristin Teiche**

- Escalle Winery: Planner Teiche said that the hearing for a Lot Line Adjustment (LLA) was continued and probably will be heard sometime in April. The owner, Mary Tiscornia, was requesting a LLA prior to the H-overlay so the H-overlay can be limited to the lot holding the historic buildings.
- Lark Theater: Planner Teiche said that the tenants submitted plans about 2 weeks ago but were deemed incomplete. Dan Peterson, an Architectural Historian, was hired to identify historic features that need to be preserved. Part of what is now the interior of the theater was originally part of the exterior. This includes the terazzo, which apparently will be restored.

The issue of the damage inflicted on the marquee by delivery trucks was raised. The Board thought that perhaps the marquee could be moved back about a foot or more. In his report, Dan Peterson was not supportive of this idea. Another suggestion was to place a planter/barrier in front of the theater but Planner Teiche was concerned about the loss of parking. (New tenant Bernice Baeza attended the meeting late and basically reconfirmed some of the issues discussed)

There was some discussion regarding a possible special hearing to expediate the application but due to scheduling conflicts the Heritage Board will hear the Lark Theater proposal at their next regular scheduled meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Alexander Bridge: Planner Teiche spoke to a contractor bidding on the Bridge retrofits. His questions were in line with the recommendations of the Heritage Board so Planner Teiche felt confident that we were receiving bids from qualified bidders. It is still unknown how the City will fund the 20% city contribution.
- New interior stairway lighting for City Hall: The Safety Committee is requesting permission to change the light fixture above the main staircase in City Hall. They are

proposing putting in a chandler type fixture than can be lowered by a pulley to facilitate changing the light bulbs. Currently the fire department has to bring over an extra long ladder to access the fixture. The Board unanimously agreed that a new light fixture would be an improvement over the fluorescent light that is there currently. The Board recommend an overall lighting scheme that contributes to the historic interior which could be implemented over time.

### **Regular Business Items**

1. Preservation of Historic Residential Structures – Update on Historic Architect Dan Peterson’s progress in re-evaluating the City’s existing Inventory of Historic Resources. Planner Teiche reported that Dan Peterson was still not completely ready to present his work but should be done in time for our next meeting in March. Boardmember Wilson was pleased to announce that funding for Phase 2 has been secured from Marin County Supervisor Hal Brown who has a budget to handle project such as this. Boardmember Wilson will act as the liason between the Heritage Board and the County of Marin in expediting the delivery of the grant to Larkspur.
2. Possible Expansion of Downtown Historic District. On hold pending completion of inventory update.
3. Items for Board Review and/or Comment:
  - Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair – Wilson/Heitkamp motion and second to re-appoint Jim Adams. All in favor. Marshall/Heitkamp motion and second to re-appoint Marilyn River. All in favor.
  - Larkspur Community Foundation – Boardmember Wilson said she and Boardmember Heitkamp spoke with Councilmember Joan Lundstrom about the criterion of a foundation
  - Twin Cities Times request for HPB to write a history column - Boardmember Heitkamp said she would be interested in contributing as long as she could approach it by doing a “then and now” comparison that would focus on the bad changes as well as the good changes to the City. She also asked permission from Paul Uren who has an extensive collection of photos from his childhood growing up in the 40-50’s plus many Larkspur Before/After photos on his website at [www.sonic.net/~tterraced/index.html](http://www.sonic.net/~tterraced/index.html)) to publish some of his photos. She also thought that Mr. Uren would be a good source to perhaps create a Before/After themed book.
  - California Preservation Conference, “Building Bridges”, April 28-May 1, 2004 – Heritage Board members were not able to attend.
4. Update on CLASP: Heritage Board discussion and response to EIR regarding potential archeological resources at Niven Nursery.

Boardmember Heitkamp said the Planning Commission had done their review. Again the issue of Indian middens was raised and the need to do borings prior to any site planning. The Heritage Board letter to EDAW addressed this issue as well as a couple letters from others. Boardmember Heitkamp went on to say that she saw a photo in the Left Bank that shows the Bickerstaff House and the original knoll on Doherty which is the area of the suspected middens. The Board asked Planning staff to contact the owners and request a copy.

5. Announcements and Attachments:

- Introduction of new volunteer Sara Kroeger – Sara introduced herself to members of the Board and said she would be continuing to handle the photo reproduction that her mother used to do. She also expressed an interest in helping with other projects.
- New historic photos donated to the City – Photos donated by Marjean Baglietto who received them from the step-daughter of former Blue Rock owner, John Weiland. Recording Secretary to send thank you note.
- Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from Sales of Historic Photographs – enclosed in the regular packet was an accounting from Polly Gorder. Some of the Board members were not clear on some of the amounts given and asked Planner Teiche to obtain a more detailed accounting.
- Letter from Sharon Faccinto regarding “Larkspur Past and Present”. Ms. Faccinto expressed help in working on any upcoming revisions to the Larkspur Past and Present book. In a memo from Boardmember Curley we have approximately 100 books left.
- Book List of Historic Preservation Publications available from the National Trust for Historic Preservation – printed in the packet were titles available for order.

6. Approval of Minutes for 1/26/04

Board Member Heitkamp moved, seconded by Board Member Wilson to approve the minutes from the 1/26/04 meeting of the Heritage Preservation Board as amended. Board Members unanimously approved this motion (members Adams and River abstaining, as they were not present at that meeting).

7. Next Meeting March 15, 2004.

**Adjournment**

**Board Member Heitkamp moved, seconded by Board Member Marshall, to adjourn the February 23, 2004 meeting of the Heritage Preservation Board at 7:40p.m. Board Members unanimously approved this motion.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nathalie Bamatter

Recording Secretary