

**Heritage Preservation Board**  
Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2006

**Miscellaneous Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Grayson Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

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

Absent: Board Members Jim Adams and Nancy Curley.

**Staff Report – Kristin Teiche:** *Street tree replacement and sidewalk repair in the Historic Downtown.* Planner Teiche sent the list of recommended species of trees suggested by Boardmember Adams to Public Works. There will be a meeting in January 2007 to amend the Master Street Improvement Plan. Suggested was a new soil mix that allows roots to penetrate even with 95% compaction. Another tree species recommended was the Brisbane Box Tree currently in use by the City of Sausalito.

Planner Teiche informed the Board that the Heritage Tree Removal request to take out approximately 28 redwood trees at 106 William was denied by the City Council, with the exception of a few trees located in close proximity to the residence. Since then, it has been observed by City staff that the remaining stand of trees appear to suddenly be dying. These trees were inspected by several arborists and had been reported to be in good health during the application process. Therefore, it is feared that the trees may have been poisoned by someone. The City Manager is pursuing this concern and has hired a new consulting arborist and requested access to the site to re-inspect the trees to attempt to determine the causes of their sudden ill-health.

**Regular Business Items**

1. Phase II: Potential Additions to Larkspur's Inventory of Historic Resources Discuss November 1, 2006 City Council and HPB meeting. Organize public outreach program for presentation to City Council and assign tasks for preparing information. Planner Teiche suggested that the Board review the potential additions and weed out some of the suggestion if not really significant.

Boardmember Heitkamp said the purpose of the inventory is to reinforce history and noted that in 1979, when the first inventory was established, there was very little protest from the public.

It was discussed that for those property owners who will be impacted that the inventory is not a new idea and that there is a track record that shows the system work and does not hold up applications.

Discussion focused on how the inventory would be presented to the general public. It was thought that Nancy Curley could speak first and explain the history of the inventory then Planner Teiche and Consultant Dan Peterson could present the staff report explaining the process of evaluation. Boardmember Heitkamp offered to put together photos for a presentation and Boardmember Kearley-Green offered to provide a testimonial, as she was the owner of a home on the previous inventory. Other ideas included discussing the value of Larkspur's history and the percentage of historic homes versus all homes in Larkspur; providing a handout explaining the benefits of a historic home and explaining how the Secretary of the Interior standards are applied to a historic home.

The Board anticipated a February meeting.

2. Possible Expansion of Downtown Historic District. ON HOLD pending completion of inventory update
3. Items for Board Review and/or Comment:
  - Board asked if Transient Occupancy Tax funds were available for the eventual publication of the revised Larkspur Past and Present book. Planner Teiche thought that the funds had already allocated for 2006/2007 year but she would investigate for the following year.
  - Planner Teiche said she has heard that the Lark Theater may be sold. She thought that the interested party was a church group and they anticipated using the building for church events. If the use is changed then the building may be required to be updated to current codes.
4. Discuss progress on CLASP (Central Larkspur Specific Plan)  
Planner Teiche said that Consultant Dan Peterson had been retained to evaluate the structures to be demolished on the Niven property and an Archeology Study had been authorized.
5. Announcements and Attachments
  - Boardmember Heitkamp said she had spoken at a meeting of the Marvelous Men of Marin group to discuss the "naughty history of Larkspur". She said that the Marin Rotary was also interested in having a presentation. She also said that she met Peter Brekkus and mentioned

perhaps conducting an interview since he is a former City of Larkspur attorney.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Board Member River moved, seconded by Board Member Wilson to approve the minutes from meeting of the Heritage Preservation Board as amended. Board Members unanimously approved this motion.

Next Meeting: Tentatively January 23, 2007 (16<sup>th</sup> is MLK holiday)

Adjournment

Board Member Heitkamp moved, seconded by Chair Marshall, to adjourn the December 4, 2006 meeting of the Heritage Preservation Board at 7:45pm. Board Members unanimously approved this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathalie Bamatter  
Recording Secretary