

**CITY OF SONOMA
DESIGN REVIEW AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Special MEETING
September 27, 2016
Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West, Sonoma, CA
MINUTES**

Chair Randolph called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Randolph, Comms. Essert, Barnett, Tippell, Cory (Alternate)

Absent: Comm. Johnson

Others Present: Associate Planner Atkins, Administrative Assistant Morris

Chair Randolph stated that no new items would be heard after 10:30 p.m. unless the Design Review and Historic Preservation Commission so decides. Any decisions made tonight can be appealed within 15 days to the City Council. She reminded everyone to turn off cell phones and pagers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Patricia Cullinan, resident, requested consideration for establishing a Depot Park/Train District adjacent to Depot Park-bordered by First Street West and First Street East. She emphasized the importance of the early Victorian Era Pre-Mexican revolution as a cultural resource that depicted the character of Sonoma. In her view, Building Code regulations often differ from the historic preservation restrictions/guidelines.

Associate Planner Atkins said the topic will be discussed at the November 15th DRHPC meeting.

Comm. Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2016, as submitted. Comm. Essert seconded. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Correspondence: Late mail was received on Item #1 from Patricia Cullinan and distributed at the dais.

Item 1- Consideration of a new monument sign for an office building (Marcy House)

Applicant: Sonoma Valley Historical Society

Associate Planner Atkins presented staff's report.

Comm. Essert confirmed with staff that a wood post is used for the new sign.

Patricia Cullinan, Sonoma Valley Historical Society, showed the actual font size and said the board selected is the same color as the train museum for branding. The existing flagpole will not be removed. She explained the City landmark has gone by the name Marcy House since 1990.

Comm. Essert confirmed with Patricia Cullinan that the gray color is a lighter version of the same color and is consistent with the logo design.

Chair Randolph confirmed the sign placement is perpendicular to the existing sign.

Chair Randolph opened the item to public comment.

Mary Martinez, resident, complimented Patricia Cullinan and the Sonoma Valley Historical Society for rejuvenating the historic Marcy House. She recalled her volunteer work for the improvements made when it was moved from Broadway to its current location at 205 First Street West.

Chair Randolph closed the item to public comment.

Comm. Essert confirmed with staff, as illustrated on the overhead projector, that the double sided sign is six feet from the fence and perpendicular to the existing sign.

Comm. Tippell is satisfied with the design, color, bear logo, and overall preservation efforts.

Comm. Barnett concurred with Comm. Tippell and felt the signage is harmonious and compatible with its surroundings. He complimented Patricia Cullinan for her successes.

Comm. Essert is pleased with the sign design.

Comm. Cory agreed with his fellow commissioners comments.

Chair Randolph appreciated the sign including a description of the museum.

Comm. Barnett made a motion to approve the new monument sign located at 205 First Street West as submitted. Comm. Tippell seconded. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Item #2 was postponed to the DRHPC meeting on October 18th, 2016.

Issues Update: Associate Planner Atkins reported

Joan Jennings and Villas de Luna HOA filed an appeal of the DRHPC decision for 19366 & 19370 Sonoma Highway for the City Council meeting on October 3, 2016.

Comments from the Commission: Patricia Cullinan, Sonoma Valley Historical Society, is excited that a full time archivist was hired to catalogue the historical documents.

Adjournment: Chair Randolph made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Design Review and Historic Preservation Commission on the 20th day of December 2016.

Approved:

Cristina Morris, Administrative Assistant