



MINUTES

CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

4:00 pm, Monday, January 6, 2014

City Manager's Conference Room, 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA.

Copies of the agenda packet are available for review at the Community Development Department in City Hall at 300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove; and on the internet at www.ci.pg.ca.us.

1. **Call to Order** at 4:00 pm
2. **Roll Call and introduction of members.**
Members Present: Bill Kampe (Chair), Robert Huit, Bill Fredrickson, Michael Meloy, Jean Anton, Mark Travaille (arrived at 4:15)
3. **Approval of December 9, 2013 minutes**
Motion by Member Anton seconded by Member Meloy to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-2 (Members Meloy and Travaille absent)
4. **Public Comments**
None
5. **Report Out**
 - a. **Benchmarking**
The Committee Members discussed the benchmarking data created by staff and Mayor Kampe. The committee members analyzed the differences between the historic process and inventory of Pacific Grove compared to Carmel, Capitola, Eureka, Alameda, Monterey, Pasadena, Ferndale, Palo Alto, Fresno, Carpinteria, Mill Valley, and Sebastopol.

Member Meloy described Ferndale's approach to historic preservation, specifically not individually listing properties, but determining a historic downtown district with contributing properties.

The Committee agreed that this benchmarking should be used to determine where Pacific Grove should fit compared to the other cities, and if it is more important to look at the past or the future. Member Huit also noted that the benchmarking does not show the attitude of the community towards the historic preservation processes.
 - b. **Historic designation process and criteria**
The Committee discussed the biggest issues to address in the process. Mayor Kampe noted that time and money seems to be the biggest issue in the process. The Committee members discussed the differences between the process of additions/deletions for various cities, as well as any incentives for properties on the list.

6. HPO Action Topics Continued– a consolidation (see attachment)

a. Possible “2-tier” or similar distinctions in listed resources

Members noted a consistency of other cities to have multi-tiered or district systems. Mayor Kampe noted a high density of Pacific Grove’s historic properties compared to all other cities. The committee discussed the discrepancies between multiple certified local governments, noting that it is not dictating how a city addresses its historic preservation process.

b. Project review process and criteria

Member Huitt questioned how to approach deleting properties from the Historic Resources Inventory. The Committee discussed adding an option during all projects to be considered for deletion from the inventory.

A member of the public asked how CEQA will effect additions and deletions and if volunteers are able to make decisions regarding properties that should be deleted. Member Meloy noted a memo from the City Attorney Dave Laredo regarding CEQA deletions.

The Committee discussed the consistency of many cities to follow the national and state guideline as the criteria for the historic resources inventory.

Member Meloy brought up the question of what would happen if the historic process disengages from the word “integrity.” Member Huitt responded with the idea of viewing the word as a changing variable, and asked the question of how we can incorporate a changing variable into the criteria.

c. Committee Structure

Member Anton asked if it is more important to look at the past or the future in regards to benchmarking and cleaning up in the historic resources inventory. Member Frederickson stated the committee needs to identify problems before they can find any solutions.

7. Next Steps

Next meeting Monday, January 27, 2014 at 4pm in the Kuwatani Room, Community Center 515 Junipero Ave.

8. Timetable for completion and schedule of meetings.

Member Travaille asked about the future of the committee. Mayor Kampe explained that the committee will report to both the City Council and the Planning Commission before any ordinances are passed.

9. Adjournment – 5:33pm

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