HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

APPROVED ACTION MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bunse, Garbesi, and Vicars

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hancock

STAFF PRESENT: Norris and Pinegar

GUESTS:

Roll Call:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval/Revision of Agenda:

The Agenda was approved as submitted

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from January 10, 2007 were approved with minor editing.

Secretary's Report:

- Staff reported on the California Preservation Foundation workshops and let Commissioners know that the presentations by SHPO representatives can be obtained from the Office of Historic Preservation web site.
- Staff informed the Commission that it is anticipated that the City Center Lofts project will come before them in the next month or two as staff has received a completed application and the draft EIR will be released for comment soon. The Commission requested that they be included on the EIR comment list.

Subcommittee Reports:

No Report. .

Public Comment:

No Comment.

Commission and Staff Comments:

No comments.

Proclamation Discussion:

Staff's recommendation is that a historical survey be conducted in order to clarify the status of the alley prior to action on a proclamation. Commissioner Bunse indicated that this case is a good example of why it would benefit the City to revisit the Historic Preservation Ordinance, to help clarify procedure and the Commission's role. She indicated that part of the evaluation of a property is to define what it is, determine if it is historic, and what are its character defining features.

The Commission, on a 3-0 vote, recommended that an evaluation of Dead Cat Alley as a historic resource, be pursued by the City.

Commissioner Garbesi asked how a survey would be included as part of the CEQA process. Commissioner Bunse indicated that usually what happens is that a survey is conducted as part of a project. That if a survey is conducted as part of the City Center Lofts project that the conclusions of the survey would appear in the Final EIR. Typically, a survey would describe a resource in enough detail to determine what its character defining features area. If it is determined that it is significant and if there will be impacts, then mitigation measures would then be proposed.

Heritage Home Awards:

Commissioner Vicars requested that the addresses of the 5 nominated buildings be included in the minutes. The Five buildings are as follows:

810 First Street

531 Second Street (# 123 In the WT booklet)

448 Pendegast Street (#29 In the WT booklet)

603 College Street (#51 In the WT booklet)

740 College Street (#39 In the WT booklet)

Commissioner Vicars expressed concern about taking on 5 homes and research with only four commissioners. Commissioner Bunse indicated that she would prepare write ups for 810 First Street and one self nominated home. She requested that staff contact Commissioner Hancock to see if he would like to take on a self nominated home and she would take the other. Commissioners Vicars and Garbesi will prepare write ups for the homes they nominated.

Staff indicated that they will email homeowner contact information to the commissioners so that they can call and inform owners of the nomination. Staff will send out initial contact letters to inform homeowners as well.

Preservation Awards:

Staff summarized the purpose of the Preservation award as a means to recognize individuals, groups, and buildings other than single family homes for their preservation efforts. Nominations will be discussed at the next meeting. Some initial suggestions by the Commission included:

- The Stroll Through History Group
- The Rose Garden group (is this historic?)
- Restoration of the Train Depot (what is the status of this effort?)

Walking Tour Booklet Update:

Ron Pinegar was present as the staff project manager for the Walking Tour Booklet update. He gave an overview of the actions of the subcommittee. The Committee is finalizing the number of new sites for the booklet. It will probably double in size to 230 pages with approximately 11 subtours and will include about 60 downtown properties. It is felt that this will be a dramatic improvement over the prior booklet. There will be an orientation for new volunteers on Thursday evening and a training at the Yolo County Archives on the 24th.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.