

AGENDA

Contra Costa County HISTORICAL LANDMARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 11, 2016
2:30 P.M.

LOCATION: 30 Muir Road, Zoning Administrator Room
Martinez, California

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Summary Minutes for December 17, 2015 Special Meeting
4. Discussion, Action, and Decision Items:
 - A. Review and Discussion of HLAC's Purpose, Goals, History, Process and Roles; and Discussion of Resources and Work Plan for 2016
 - B. Update and Discussion of the Martinez Jail Demolition Project
 - C. Update on the Status of the Proposed Demolition of 1726 El Nido in Diablo
5. Committee Member's Comments
6. Next Agenda Discussion

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**Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)
Agenda Summary Report for Thursday, February 11, 2016**

Prepared by: Christine Louie, HLAC Staff

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of Summary Minutes for December 17, 2015 Special Meeting**
4. **Discussion, Action, and Decision Items:**

- A. **Review and discussion of HLAC's purpose, goals, history, process and roles; and discussion of resources and work plan for 2016:** The Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee was named and approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) at their July 5, 1966 meeting. It was declared by the Board that the Contra Costa Park and Recreation Commission and the Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) be named jointly as the Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee for the purpose of selecting eligible sites and places in the County to be designated as Points of Historical Interest and to be registered as such by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

On July 20, 1976, a resolution of the Board was passed in the matter of acknowledging the Preliminary Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) for Contra Costa County.

On February 12, 2002, the HLAC was re-established by the Board of Supervisors to include four members of the Contra Costa County Historical Society and the Contra Costa County Community Development Director. Guidelines for the HLAC were approved by the committee on October 29, 2003.

Documents regarding the history of the HLAC, the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), and the guidelines for evaluation of applications for landmarks and historic resources are attached for reference.

The HLAC is a public committee which is subject to the meeting rules of the Brown Act and the Better Government Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors web page, as indicated below, includes two training videos posted on the web that can provide a refresher of the rules that govern the members of the committee regarding ethics, conducting of meetings, and discussion of items with committee members that relate to the role of the committee.

<http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/193/Board-of-Supervisors>

Mr. Lawton will present and discuss the work plan alternatives for 2016.

B. Update and Discussion of the Martinez Jail Demolition Project: At the last meeting staff and Mr. Lawton presented the proposed demolition project by the County. The County is currently in the process of preparing the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The County had conducted a scoping session on November 16, 2015, to receive public comments and concerns regarding the project. Staff will e-mail the HLAC when the draft EIR is published and posted for public review and comment. Prior to the end of the last meeting, committee members requested that this item be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

C. Update on the Status of the Proposed Demolition of 1726 El Nido in Diablo: County planning staff has proceeded with the preparation and processing of an EIR for the project. The bid process to select a consultant has been completed. Planning staff will be working with the consultant to prepare a Historic Resource Evaluation Report for the project in the context of the historic district. The HLAC will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR during the public comment period.

5. Committee Member's Comments

6. Next Agenda Discussion: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 2:30 PM.

GUIDELINES

For the

Contra Costa Historical Landmarks Advisory

Committee

Since there are hundreds of landmarks in Contra Costa County that have played a prominent part in history and are important to the County and locality in which they are situated, it has been increasingly necessary for the Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC) to consistently apply a policy in order that the registration of County historical landmarks will not become meaningless.

Guidelines:

1. Receive and consider applications from any governmental agency, historical association or private individual for the designation and registration of any historical building, landmark or historical site.
2. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors historical buildings and landmarks for placement on the Historical Resources Inventory (HRI), which may include but not be limited to, military, political, agricultural, educational, economic and cultural events and sites within the County.
3. Monitor the HRI in addition to previously registered historical resources by any private/public agency or historical organization, in the County. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors those historical sites, which in its opinion, should be official registered as County historical landmarks and are qualified for marking.
4. The application must be accompanied by sufficient research and substantiated by historical proof and bibliographical evidence. The function of the HLAC is to verify the historical evidence submitted by the applicant.

The HLAC will review and evaluate each application for registration of a landmark at regular or special meetings of the HLAC. The applicant should conduct his/her own investigation and submit the application for consideration by the HLAC. The HLAC requires applicants to complete the California Office of Historic Preservation forms (to be included in the application). The applicant is welcome to appear at the meetings of the Committee to support the application. The Committee will recommend registration and marking of landmarks to the Board of Supervisors.

The following area criteria for guidance of the HLAC in evaluating landmark registration applications:

1. Countywide Significance:
 - A. The site must be of historic importance to Contra Costa County.
 - B. The first, last, only or most significant of type in a region.
 - C. For the purposes of the criteria "historical" is generally considered to be important to the history or prehistory of the county, state or nation.
2. Applications for historical landmark registration will be considered but not limited to the following historical influences:

Anthropological (archeology and ethnic history)

Cultural (including social, education and arts)

Political

Architectural

Scientific and technical

Economic

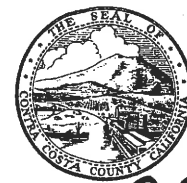
Religious

Experimental

3. Emphasis on Individuals:
 - A. An individual must have had a significant influence on the history of Contra Costa County and/or the region.
 - B. The primary emphasis shall be the site or sites of the achievement of the individual(s). Secondary emphasis may be associated with significant events in an individual's life (birth, death, internment).

Approved: October 29, 2003

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: Dennis M. Barry, AICP, Community Development Director
DATE: February 12, 2002
SUBJECT: REDESIGNATION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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SPECIFIC REQUEST(S) OR RECOMMENDATION(S) & BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

AUTHORIZE the redesignation of the Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC) to include the four members of the Contra Costa County Historical Society and the Contra Costa County Community Development Director.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff costs for support of the activities of the HLAC would be approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year.

BACKGROUND/REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

On July 5, 1966, the Board of Supervisors named the Contra Costa County Parks & Recreation Commission (CCCPRC) and the Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) jointly as the Contra Costa County HLAC "for the purpose of selecting eligible sites and places in the County to be designated as points of historical interest and to be registered as such by the State Department of Parks and Recreation." The CCCPRC is no longer in existence, thereby frustrating the intention of the Board of Supervisors in its naming of the Commission and the CCCHS as the HLAC. In order for the County to propose points of historical interest for registration by the State Department of Parks and Recreation and other applicable governmental agencies, it is timely to reconstitute the County HLAC.

It is suggested that the Community Development Director, along with four members of the CCCHS, serve in the capacity of the County's HLAC. The Community Development Department (CDD) maintains a County Historical Resources Inventory that was updated in 1989 in connection with the adoption of the Countywide General Plan. The activities of the Committee would be relatively infrequent but would be supported by CDD staff as an unfunded mandated.

CONTINUED ON ATTACHMENT: YES NO SIGNATURE

Dennis M Barry

RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
 APPROVE OTHER

SIGNATURE(S):

Julie Green

ACTION OF BOARD ON February 12, 2002 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

UNANIMOUS (ABSENT none)
AYES: _____ NOES: _____
ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Contact: Dennis M. Barry, AICP (925/335-1276)
cc: Community Development Department

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF AN ACTION TAKEN AND ENTERED ON THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE DATE SHOWN.

ATTESTED February 12, 2002
JOHN SWEETEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BY *[Signature]*, DEPUTY

In the Board of Supervisors
of
Contra Costa County, State of California

July 20, 19 76

In the Matter of
The Preliminary Historic
Resources Inventory for
Contra Costa County.

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This Board on November 20, 1973 having designated Mr. Anthony A. Dehaesus, Director of Planning, as the representative of Contra Costa County for purposes of coordinating efforts with the State Department of Parks and Recreation pertaining to the compilation of a Statewide Historical Survey and Inventory and, in connection therewith, preparation of an inventory of significant historical features in the County for transmittal to the State; and

A Preliminary Historic Resources Inventory for Contra Costa County having been compiled and presented to the Board this day; and

The Director of Planning having requested that the Board authorize the Planning Department to proceed with preparation of an Historic Preservation Element to the County General Plan; and

Supervisor W. N. Boggess having inquired with respect to the necessity for the preparation of an Historic Preservation Element to the General Plan, and having suggested that action on this matter be held over one week for program review by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS BY THE BOARD ORDERED that receipt of the aforesaid Preliminary Historic Resources Inventory is ACKNOWLEDGED and the suggestion of Supervisor Boggess is APPROVED.

Passed by the Board on July 20, 1976.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the date aforesaid.

cc: ✓ Director of Planning
County Administrator

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Board of Supervisors

affixed this 20th day of July, 19 76

J. R. OLSSON, Clerk
By *Maxine M. Neufeld*, Deputy Clerk
Maxine M. Neufeld

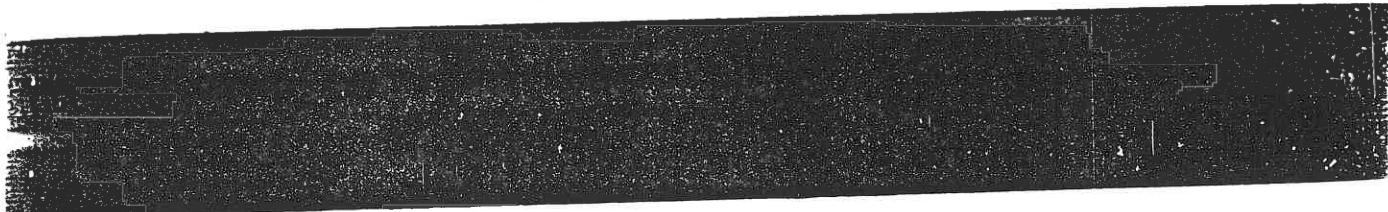
AYES: Supervisors Alfred M. Dias, James E. Moriarty, Thomas John Coll, James P. Kenny.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Edmund A. Linscheid.

In the Matter of Naming Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Dias, seconded by Supervisor Coll, IT IS BY THE BOARD ORDERED that the Contra Costa County Park and Recreation Commission and the Contra Costa County Historical Society are hereby named jointly as the Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee, for the purpose of selecting eligible sites and places in the County to be designated as Points of Historical Interest and to be registered as such by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.



July 5, 1966 - continued -

The foregoing order was passed by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Supervisors Alfred M. Dias, James E. Moriarty, Thomas John Coll, James P. Kenny.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Edmund A. Linscheid.

In the Matter of Authorizing the Public Works Department to Survey and Mark for Traffic Flow Purposes Parking Lots at County Hospital.

On motion of Supervisor Dias, seconded by Supervisor Coll, IT IS BY THE BOARD ORDERED that the Public Works Department is AUTHORIZED to survey and mark for traffic flow purposes three parking lots at the County Hospital, with the understanding that appropriate accounting adjustments will be made so that costs are properly reflected in the accounts of the Public Works Department and the County Hospital.

The foregoing order was passed by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Supervisors Alfred M. Dias, James E. Moriarty, Thomas John Coll, James P. Kenny.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Edmund A. Linscheid.

In the Matter of Charges made by Concord Hospital District and Establishing Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 1966-1967.

This Board having received copies of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Concord Hospital District:

Resolution No. 2 Finding that rates and charges of the Concord Community Hospital are comparable to rates and charges of non-profit hospitals within the hospital service area; and

In the Board of Supervisors
of
Contra Costa County, State of California

July 5, 1966

In the Matter of

Naming Contra Costa County
Historical Landmarks
Advisory Committee.

On motion of Supervisor Dias, seconded by Supervisor Coll, IT IS BY THE BOARD ORDERED that the Contra Costa County Park and Recreation Commission and the Contra Costa County Historical Society are hereby named jointly as the Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee, for the purpose of selecting eligible sites and places in the County to be designated as Points of Historical Interest and to be registered as such by the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

The foregoing order was passed by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Supervisors Alfred M. Dias, James B. Moriarty,
Thomas John Coll, James P. Kenny.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Supervisor Edmund A. Linscheid.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the date aforesaid.

cc: Park and Recreation
Commission
Administrator
Historical Society
Mr. Jim Jary

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Board of
Supervisors
affixed this 5th day of July, 1966

By *Patricia A. Johnson* Deputy Clerk
PATRICIA A. JOHNSON

Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)
Draft Summary Minutes for December 17, 2015

Members Present: Stephen Lawton (Chair), Carol Jensen (Co-Chair), Aruna Bhat
Members Absent: James Wright, Webb Johnson
Staff: Christine Louie, Stan Muraoka, Telma Moreira

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:37 PM.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of Summary Minutes for March 12, 2015:** Ms. Jensen moved to accept the minutes, Ms. Bhat seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Discussion, Action and Decision Items:**

- A. **Discussion Regarding the Removal of 1726 El Nido in the Diablo Area as a Contributory Resource within the Diablo Historic District:** The project planner, Mr. Stan Muraoka, presented a tree permit application that he is processing, which includes the demolition of a residence that is listed as a contributory building to the Diablo Historic District. This project was determined to have a potential significant environmental impact which cannot be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project planner determined that a historic resources evaluation and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be required.

The applicant and owner of the property, Mr. Steve Kazanis, spoke on behalf of his project. He indicated that the property cannot be restored and had hired Ward Hill to prepare a historic resource report and thinks that an EIR is too much for this project. He met with the Diablo Home Owners Association and the Diablo Historic Association and asked the HLAC to recommend the removal of his property from the list of contributory buildings in Diablo. He believed that this property should not have been included as a contributory building in the district based on the year it was constructed. Mr. Kazanis had not presented the project to the Diablo Community Service District/Municipal Advisory Council, but was willing to share the project with them.

Mr. Lawton indicated that the HLAC is not a decision-making body, and that CEQA gives the county no option other than to do a focused EIR. As the EIR has not been prepared, Mr. Lawton indicated that the information provided does not provide a basis for withdrawing the resource from the historic district. He mentioned that when you have a lot of contributory buildings that are modified or replaced, the demolition of a building in a historic district eventually degrades and annuls the district. He indicated that the Diablo Historic District was a big deal in 2002 and would like an update on the status of the contributory resources within the historic district. He added that the HLAC can provide comments to add into the discussion of the EIR document.

Ms. Jensen added that a remodel of the building is different from the demolition of the resource and is surprised if this is not the first resource that is proposed for demolition within the district.

She agreed that there are no facts presented that would allow the committee to say anything to the Board of Supervisors to approve or disapprove the project. She would like to receive an update on the status of the project at the next meeting and have information on the status of other properties in the Diablo Historic District that have been demolished.

Ms. Bhat indicated that it is a possibility that permits may have been issued for the demolition of contributory buildings.

- B. Discussion Regarding the Martinez Jail Demolition:** Mr. Lawton and Ms. Louie updated the committee on a county project to demolish the Downtown Martinez Jail with no development proposed at this time. There will be an EIR prepared for the demolition of the 1909 building and staff will provide updates regarding the status of the project and EIR.

Mr. Lawton added that the Contra Costa County Historical Society is aware of the proposal and has discussed the matter at their annual meeting; however, they intend to remain neutral on this matter. Although this building is not specifically listed in the County Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), it is the job of the HLAC to compile a list of resources within the County. He requested that staff put this matter on the next meeting's agenda for discussion.

Ms. Jensen asked if someone with a historic resources background take a look at the building and evaluate it to ensure that the building will be reviewed the same as other historic resources. Ms. Bhat indicated that the building's historic status is one of the reasons why the County is going through the EIR process for the project. Ms. Jensen agreed that this project should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

- C. Report and Discussion of the Historic Resources Inventory Update Effort:** There were no updates regarding this update effort. Committee members were going to follow-up with Mr. Johnson and Ms. Melissa Jacobson, a former committee member, regarding this matter and the status of Diablo Valley College's involvement.
- D. Discussion of the 2015 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors:** The committee members determined that they would e-mail staff information regarding the activities and trainings that they participated in to incorporate into the annual report.

5. Committee Member's Comments: None.

6. Next Agenda Discussion: 1726 El Nido in Diablo, Martinez Jail Demolition, and HRI update effort.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.