

City of San Juan Bautista
Historic Resources Board Meeting

Minutes

February 3, 2009

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Wanda Guibert

Roll Call

Members Present: Wanda Guibert, Erika Spencer, Georgana Gularte and Jeff Bagley.

Members Absent: Reuben Garza.

Staff Present: Matthew Sundt, City Planner and Trish Paetz, Deputy City Clerk.

2. **Public Comment (limited to items not on the agenda)**

No public comment.

3. **Ceremonial Items**

A. Swearing in of Erika Spencer and Georgana Gularte

Deputy City Clerk Trish Paetz conducted the swearing in of returning Historic Resources Board Member Erika Spencer and new Historic Resources Board Member Georgana Gularte.

B. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Upon nomination made by Board Member Gularte and seconded by Board Member Spencer, and unanimously confirmed, Wanda Guibert was selected by the Historic Resources Board to serve as chairperson.

Upon nomination made by Board Member Spencer and seconded by Board Member Guibert, and unanimously confirmed, Jeff Bagley was selected by the Historic Resources Board to serve as Vice Chairman.

4. **Informal Project Review**

Nothing was presented.

5. **Action Items**

A. Approve Affidavit of Posting Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Gularte and seconded by Board Member Bagley to approve the affidavit of posting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Minutes of October 7, 2008 Meeting

As a quorum from the October 7, 2008 meeting was not present to approve said minutes, they were continued to the next regular meeting of the Historic Resources Board.

C. Approve Minutes of November 6, 2008 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Spencer and seconded by Board Member Bagley to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2008 special meeting. The motion passes 3-0-1-0 with Board Member Gularte abstaining because she was not present at that meeting.

D. Approve Minutes of January 6, 2009 Meeting

As a quorum from the January 6, 2009 was not present to approve the minutes of said meeting, they were continued to the next regular meeting of the Historic Resources Board.

6. Informational Items

A. 318 Third Street (Ponzini Building) New Paint Scheme to Replace Previous Paint Per SJBMC 11.06.020.EE, the proposed paint scheme is considered a “minor alteration” because the proposed color (maroon), although not exactly the same color as previous color (green), is considered “consistent” with the previous color, as both are dark colors.

City Planner Sundt presents.

During public comment resident Richard Ponce stated he has issues with the City Planner’s interpretation of the municipal code, that the code was not appropriately cited.

Applicant Sandy Ponzini presented a color chart, stating she proposes using cottage red for the building and creamy white around the windows and door.

During public comment Cara Vonk suggested using three colors to maintain richness.

There was discussion about keeping the building the natural wood color that it currently is, and Board Member Gularte pointed out that even the red color would fade.

Chairperson Guibert thanked the Ponzinis for making the investment to renovate their building.

B. Mills Act and Historic Preservation

City Planner Sundt reported that there are properties in town that need to be maintained better and could benefit by the Mills Act. He then introduced Forrest Ebbs, Senior Planner for the City of Monterey, who presented information on the Mills Act and provided Board Members and the public with written information. He stated the Mills Act is similar to the Williams Act where a commitment is made in exchange for a lower tax rate.

Chairperson Guibert asked if much staff time is required for the application process and monitoring of the property once it qualifies. To which Mr. Ebbs replied that it is not that time consuming per each property, application through maintenance.

In response to a question posed to Mr. Ebbs during public comment by Cara Vonk, Mr. Ebbs responded that this program encourages property owners to care for their property

and is not necessarily involved in projects to renovate properties.

7. Future Agenda Items

A. Third Street Rehabilitation or Restorations

8. Comments

A. Historic Resources Board

Board Member Guibert asked if the City had received written notice of the Third Street Commercial Historic District's induction into the National Register of Historic Places, and City Planner Sundt responded, no, but that he would look into it..

City Planner Sundt announced that the Third Street Commercial Historic District was successfully placed on the National Register of Historic Places

Board Member Gularte thanked Council member Bilich for appointing her, and Mr. Ebbs for his presentation to the Board.

B. City Manager

Not present.

C. City Planner

No comment.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. passed unanimously.