

CORONADO HISTORIC RESOURCE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

August 6, 2003

A regular meeting of the Coronado Historic Resource Commission was called to order at 3:03 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2003, in the Council Chambers, 1825 Strand Way, Coronado, California, by Gerry MacCartee, Acting Chair of the Historic Resource Commission.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Keith, MacCartee, and Ryan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Draper and Walsh

STAFF PRESENT: Ann McCaull, Associate Planner
John Swanson, Assistant Planner
Linda Hascup, Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2003 were approved as submitted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. McCaull announced that this meeting will be the last Historic Resource Commission meeting held in the current City Hall Council Chambers until the new City Hall is built. She said the meetings in the interim will be held at the Police Department Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Ms. McCaull indicated that the second discussion item on the agenda would be continued due to the lack of a quorum on that item.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Keith reported that the City Council voted to request help from the Historic Resource Commission to look through and categorize historic papers and photos in the City Clerk's vault. They would then put the items in acid free folders and save them for the future. She suggested that the HRC could set up a subcommittee of commissioners and volunteers from the community. Ms. Keith thought it would be valuable to ask Councilmember Patty Schmidt, who has a long memory of Coronado's

history, to help. The City Clerk has a budget for this effort. She said the Commission should put this item on the agenda for future discussion.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

There was no one wishing to speak at this time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

HRPA 7-03 HISTORIC RESOURCE PRESERVATION AGREEMENT: LIPPE MURPHY FAMILY TRUST, 550 B AVENUE, IN THE R-1A(E) (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE

STAFF REPORT

Assistant Planner, John Swanson introduced the staff report as outlined in the agenda. The property at 550 B Avenue was designated as the City's 22nd historic resource on July 16, 2003, by the Historic Resource Commission and is now eligible to apply for a Historic Resource Preservation (Mills Act) Agreement with the City. A Mills Act Agreement requires the property owner to preserve the home for minimum period of 10 years, and in exchange there is some property tax reduction. He explained that the HRC's role is to review the "list of improvements" that will be attached to the Mills Act application going to the City Council. He said that the property owner, the Lippe-Murphy Trust does not propose any additional improvements to the property other than routine maintenance over the 10-year contract period.

Applicant, Brian Lippe, 550 B Avenue introduced himself to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at this time.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ryan said that the applicant should be thanked for helping to preserve this historic resource for the City.

COMMISSION ACTION

COMMISSIONER KEITH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR HRP 7-03 AND FORWARD IT WITH THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGREEMENT APPLICATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

COMMISSIONER RYAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: Commissioners MacCartee, Keith, and Ryan

NAYS:

ABSENT: Commissioners Draper and Walsh

ABSTAIN:

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0, with two Commissioners absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commission Discussion Regarding the Public Outreach Program

Video on Historic Coronado - Commissioner Keith said that she, Ms. MacCartee, and Ann McCaull met with Bill Putnam the previous week regarding the video. Ms. MacCartee wrote a script that can be edited and then finalized at a future meeting. Ron Clark has been invited to be the voice behind the video and he has accepted. Ms. Keith said when she, Nancy Cobb, and Bill Putnam went through photographs in the City Clerk's vault they found that there were aerial shots of the entire town grouped in envelopes so they could be put together for the full image. They show all the houses and properties, but in this review they were looking for the parks. They found some wonderful photos. Mr. Putnam will scan the photos into the computer for the video.

Ms. Keith said she went before the City Council at their last meeting to ask them and the public to share any stories or memories regarding the parks.

Ms. McCaull said that Bill Putnam will be videoing Star Park Circle for the video and the cable truck has to face the wrong direction on the street to do the video work so the police will be helping out with that.

Historic Plaques - Commissioner MacCartee showed an oval version of the plaques to see if the other Commission members liked it. Commissioner Ryan said he would prefer the round instead of rectangular shape because he doesn't think a homeowner would like to have two rectangular plaques on their homes if they already have the Coronado Historical plaques. Commissioner Keith said she could support the oval; it would set the plaques from this Commission apart from the CHA plaques, but she doesn't mind the rectangular shape. Commissioner MacCartee mentioned her concern about the budget and said the round plaques are the more expensive shape at \$94 each because they are specially cut, and the oval plaques are only \$40 apiece. Ms. Keith pointed out the cost for 30 oval plaques would be about \$3,000 versus \$1,200 for the

rectangular ones. Ms. McCaull said the original idea was to order enough plaques for the existing designated properties and a few more to be designated. But if the Commission wanted to pursue the option to purchase the higher priced plaques they could get enough for the existing designated properties within the budget. Ms. McCaull said she could go back to the director of Community Development to see if an increase in the budget could be arranged. Commissioner Ryan suggested that perhaps a small fee could be included in the application process for any new plaques. Ms. McCaull responded that the program was set up to be a voluntary program and the process was meant to be as easy as possible so people would want to apply.

Ms. MacCartee said the oval is very classy and she could order a sample before they decide to order. She said the background is dark green, which is perfect. Ms. Keith brought up the idea to put numbers on the plaques to show the order of designation. She wasn't in favor of the idea because it might seem to people who didn't know the significance that the numbers ranked the homes by their historic importance or age.

There was further discussion about what would go in the center of the plaques such as a crown or different wording. All agreed a crown would be nice and it might be good if all the plaques were the same. Mr. Swanson said he usually looks for the date the house was built on historic plaques. The Commissioners all agreed they would like the date to be on the plaques.

Commissioner MacCartee said that if the Commission agrees to a shape, the company can send a rendering of what the plaques will look like. Commissioner Ryan suggested it would be helpful to take action to approve the shape and then move forward to finalize what will go inside the oval.

COMMISSION ACTION

COMMISSIONER KEITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF \$2,500 WORTH OF THE OVAL, BRONZE, HISTORIC PLAQUES, APPROXIMATELY 6" X 9" IN SIZE, WITH BACKGROUND COLOR AND POLISHED, RAISED TRIM AND LETTERING, WITHOUT NUMBERS DESIGNATING ORDER OF DESIGNATION, AND TO REVIEW THE FINAL DESIGN AT A LATER MEETING.

COMMISSIONER RYAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: Commissioners MacCartee, Keith, and Ryan

NAYS:

ABSENT: Commissioners Draper and Walsh

ABSTAIN:

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0, with two Commissioners absent.

Newspaper Articles - Commissioner MacCartee brought up the series of articles on the designated houses. She wondered if they should continue with them. Commissioner Ryan said they are valuable because the Commission needs to approach this like a marketing plan where you use as many channels as possible to be successful. He said they need to continue to get the word out on historic preservation through the newspaper, plaques on houses, the video on television, etc. He said the video could also be used as a presentation for Rotary.

Ms. MacCartee said they would need a volunteer help write the articles and asked if anyone knows some one who would be willing to do some writing. Ms. Keith suggested that perhaps Mary Anne Chapple would be interested. Commissioner Ryan asked if the Commission could advertise in the paper for volunteers. Ms. McCaull suggested that a Commissioner might be a better choice because they are the ones who review applications and are steering the historic program. She said they might want to take turns or appoint someone who could work with staff to prepare the articles. The Commissioners all agreed that taking turns would be a good idea. Mr. Ryan said he would volunteer to be first.

Commission Discussion Regarding the Historical Preservation "Mills Act" Program and Fiscal Restrictions

This item was continued due to a lack of a quorum.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

FUTURE ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Tony A. Peña