

Grass Valley

Historical Commission Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

City staff present and the meeting was recorded.

Attended by: Teresa Poston, Dyane Albrecht, Terry MacAteer absent

Administrative: Teresa agreed to chair the meeting and Dyane will take notes.

Approval of Minutes:

- November 14, 2023 and December 12, 2023 – approval pushed to March meeting
- January 8, 2024 – no meeting took place
- February 13, 2024 – will present for approval in March

Public Comment: Mathew Coulter expressed concerned, the city is removing historical items with reckless abandon and suggests the city and historical commission re-evaluate the historic significance of our town. Infrastructure needs must be considered as we review projects.

Agenda items:

138 East Main St., building is in the City's Historic District, estimated to have been built in the 1970's. Owner requesting to add an exterior staircase to the property. Building elevations and photos presented and questions were asked and answered. Discussion and public comment considered. A motion to advance the project was made by Teresa Poston and seconded by Dyane Albrecht.

145 Mill St., building in the City's Historic District, estimated to have been built in the 1900's. Owner requesting exterior improvements. Craig Hamilton, spoke to the plans for improvement pointing to elevations and photos. Teresa encouraged the original railing be kept or restored, it will be kept and altered to the height required to meet current safety codes. This is being converted to a residential space on the upper floor and smaller unit in basement. No dedicated parking is provided. Discussion on exterior finishes; hardy board siding was deemed to be in keeping with the variety of finishes on other buildings on Mill St., Teresa has toured the building with Craig prior to the meeting and was in full support. Discussion and public comment considered. A motion to advance the project was made by Teresa Poston and seconded by Dyane Albrecht.

Additional actions and updates discussed:

- Dyane pointed out it was very difficult to follow the information read by Amy and respectfully asked that she slow down and increase the volume, Teresa agreed.
- The Historic Commission is in need to two additional members, the openings are posted on the website.
- Amy reported the Landmark commission approved memorial park; discussion is underway as to size and location of the bronze plaque.
- Historic walking tour; this was covered at a previous meeting, Heritage Home tour currently offered on the website will suffice.

- A meeting with the Historic Commission and City Council to define, roles, scope and how future projects are to be presented was to take place on February 1st, this meeting will be rescheduled.

Meeting adjourned.