

MINUTES
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
October 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board of the City of Highland was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bible at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

Present:	Chair	Patrick Sandford
	Vice Chair	Pamela Bible
	Member	Tony Mauricio
	Member	Gail Shelton
	Member	Vacant

Staff Present: Lawrence Mainez, Community Development Director
Shannon Wisniewski, Administrative Assistant III

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Mauricio.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the August 4, 2022 Special Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Member Shelton seconded by Vice Chair Bible, to approve the minutes, as submitted. Motion carried, 4-0, with a seat vacant.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Preparation for the 25th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival in 2023.

Chair Sandford stated let's start with contests, any questions?

Member Shelton stated I would like more advance notice to participate judging for the baking contest next year.

Vice Chair Bible stated regarding the Good Neighbor award it only says gift bag, don't they receive something else?

Member Shelton stated yes, wooden plaque.

Chair Sandford stated the language for the award should be changed from gift bags to wood plaque.

Community Development Director Mainez replied noted.

Chair Sanford stated now let's move on to honoree on page 6. Who would we like to be the honoree next year?

Member Mauricio stated we mentioned Sam Ricardo as an honoree in the past.

Vice Chair Bible stated we have always had a rotating list on who will be the honoree.

Member Mauricio stated I vote for Sam, he was the first City Manager at City of Highland, is named after our library, he sponsored the first Highland Improvement Day (HIT) and was also a Council Member. I have interest in this candidate.

Vice Chair Bible stated we had discussed at the last meeting of considering the Highland Community News and since they were no longer around. They had covered majority of our previous events, so it might be the time to honor them because this is the first year, they're not covering us.

Member Shelton stated I wonder if there's a way to honor them separately.

Chair Sanford stated I think it would be appropriate to recognize Highland Community News.

Vice Chair Bible stated for the timing, I agree that it's time for the newspaper, but are we considering that they were already honored when we did Charles Roberts? Were we specifically honoring him or the newspaper?

Chair Sanford stated I remember honoring him.

Member Mauricio stated I think both Charles and the newspaper. I respect all your opinions on this but if you look at this list and the person on this list that's been bumped around has been Sam Racardio's.

Vice Chair Bible stated I don't think so. There have been others that were on a few times, and it just depended on when the time was right for them and I'm really thinking it should be the Community News.

Member Mauricio stated if we honor the century News Group, who and what figure was going to represent?

Vice Chair Bible replied Hector.

Member Mauricio stated why don't we do two awards?

Vice Chair Bible stated there is not a reason we can't wait for another year to honor Sam.

Member Mauricio stated then he'd be bumped three times already.

Vice Chair Bible stated does it matter?

Member Mauricio stated absolutely it matters. This man did a lot of hard work, just like Hector has. You have a person who represents a publication, and they did a fantastic job

and I wish they were still here, but you also have an individual who did another extreme amount of work throughout the years.

Chair Sandford stated we need to go back on the minutes, I don't recall us saying Sam will be our next honoree. Sam's name has come up and we discussed the fact that he has a building already named after him. I don't have that recollection that we ever said next year, a certain year or this in this amount of time and the only relevance I wanted to emphasize, which I said earlier was the fact that the paper just dissolved.

Member Shelton stated I think Hector did an amazing job for us hands down, but he was also an employee of the paper, I would think as we're looking to honor somebody specifically for the Citrus Harvest Festival that the idea is to honor someone who has given their personal time as a volunteer. When you're looking to recognize them in a leadership role for the city that you might want to take that into consideration.

Vice Chair Bible stated if the paper did not close, I would be voting for same, but because the paper closed that we need to kind of tie that together with what we're doing and honor them right now.

Member Shelton stated I would think there's could be some consideration for a media award.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chair Bible to honor the Highland Community News and Hector all together.

Chair Sandford stated hearing no seconded for the other motion, no motion placed.

A MOTION was made by Member Mauricio seconded by Member Shelton to honor Sam Racardio as the Citrus Harvest Festival honoree. Motion carried, 2-2-0, with Chair Sandford and Vice Chair Bible dissenting, and a vacant seat.

The motion failed due to a tie vote. Chair Sandford stated this item will be tabled for the next meeting.

Chair Sandford stated now we will talk about entertainment schedule. We have a lot of to be determined for who is performing. We have always had the Highland Music Company. Next, we will discuss the car show. Kiwanis has always coordinated the car show and the future of the Kiwanis Club is in question, but I do know that they are in discussion if they are dissolving, but there is a plan.

Vice Chair Bible stated Colin Childs has always overseen the walking tours, and since he left, we need to have someone else step up and lead the tour. I believe Colin Childs had cheat sheets that he used and talked about getting them on file.

Member Shelton and Mauricio volunteered to take charge of the walking tour next year.

Community Development Director Mainez stated we will obtain the walking tour overview and ensure you have the appropriate information.

Chair Sandford stated next, we will go over sponsors. There was a discussion about potentially having a \$250 sponsor. Did we want to discuss creating a new level of \$250?

Member Mauricio stated not really, was it true that it would minimize the names?

Vice Chair Bible stated yes, there would not be enough room to go that the other sponsors had. Let's continue this to the next meeting.

Member Shelton stated regarding the layout, everyone that I spoke to was in favor of the layout.

Member Mauricio stated I am happy with the new layout.

Chair Sandford stated I want to make sure we are drawing attention to our historic businesses. The members with the power engines were very pleased.

Vice Chair Bible stated we have the south Palm Avenue area that does not have anything there, it is a possibility to put the cars there so they can leave quick.

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board received and filed staff's report.

3. A status of Certificate of Appropriateness Applications for properties within the Highland Historic District.

Vice Chair Bible asked is there an update on the bank building?

Community Development Director Mainez stated yes, it is very expensive to retrofit that building for earthquake standards. That building is going to fall, so we declared it a public nuisance. We don't want to tear it down, however we hope it will get fixed.

Vice Chair Bible asked is there any chance the city is going to step in and do something to save the building?

Community Development Director Mainez stated that is not on our radar right now.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be November 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Sandford declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Camille Goritz, Administrative Assistant III

Patrick Sandford, Chair