

2017 ADVISORY BODY ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Name: **Contra Costa County Historical Landmarks Advisory Committee (HLAC)**

Meeting Time/Location: **Meets on a quarterly basis, the second Thursday of the month at 30 Muir Road, Martinez, at 2:30 PM**

Chair: **Stephen Lawton**

Staff Person: **Dominique Vogelpohl**
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Reporting Period: **January 2017 – December 2017**

I. Activities

- Hosted a guest speaker, Principal Planner William Nelson of the County's Advanced Planning Division, at the August 10, 2017 HLAC meeting. Mr. Nelson discussed the role of the General Plan and its relation to historical resources for the County. His presentation assisted the HLAC with its efforts in contributing to the updating of the General Plan.
- HLAC members participated in events held by the East Contra Costa Historical Society (ECCHS), including the opening of their new Kathy Leighton Resource Center.

II. Accomplishments

- At the Board of Supervisors meeting held on February 7, 2017, the Board adopted the recommendation of the HLAC to include the Rosebrook Estate (66 Sand 67 Stonecastle Court, Alamo) to the County's Historical Resources Inventory.
- At the Board of Supervisors meeting held on February 7, 2017, the Board adopted the recommendation of the HLAC to include an original English Tudor house located within the Diablo Historic District (2067 Alameda Diablo, Diablo) to the County's Historical Resources Inventory.
- At the Board of Supervisors meeting held on September 12, 2017, the Board approved a Mills Act Contract for 2067 Alameda Diablo, Diablo. The execution of a Mills Act Contract for the property will ensure the restoration and preservation of the County's historical resource, an original English Tudor house located within the Diablo Historic District.
- At the Board of Supervisors meeting held on September 26, 2017, the Board approved Mills Act Contracts for both 66 and 67 Stonecastle Court, Alamo. The execution of a Mills Act Contract for each property will ensure the restoration and preservation of the County's historical resource, the Rosebrook Estate.

III. Attendance/Representation

The five-member HLAC is comprised of four Contra Costa County Historical Society (CCCHS) members and the Deputy Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Community Development Division. The February 9 and November 9 scheduled meetings were cancelled due to a lack of discussion items.

Committee Member	2/9/17	5/11/17	8/10/17	11/9/17
	Cancelled			Cancelled
Melissa Jacobson, Seat 1	-	Present	Present	-
Stephen Lawton, Seat 2	-	Present	Present	-
Raymond O'Brien, Seat 3	-	Present	Present	-
Carol Jensen, Seat 4	-	Present	Present	-
Aruna Bhat, Deputy Director, DCD	-	Present	Present	-

IV. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

- Contribute to the in-progress updating of the General Plan
- Develop concepts for new policies to include in the Open Space Element of the General Plan
- Implement greater protection measures for a historic monument, the plaque indicating John Marsh's murder.
- Reappoint and/or newly appoint HLAC committee members
- Update the Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance Ethics Training Certifications for each HLAC committee member