

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
MAY 20, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on May 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Merz, Spokely, Nardini-Hanson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Worthington, Elder

STAFF PRESENT: Lance E. Lowe, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant; Joseph Scarbrough, Assistant Planner Intern

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Continued Historic Design Review - 896 High Street (Karate-Do) - File HDR 08-17.** The applicant requests approval of one wall sign for Karate-Do located at 896 High Street.

Planner Lowe gave the staff report. The day after the last meeting, he spoke with the applicant and expressed to him the concerns of the Historic Design Review Commission from the May 6, 2008 meeting with regard to the amount of information located on his sign. The applicant was willing to remove some of the wording, and a rendering of the newly proposed sign has been provided to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners agreed that the new proposed sign is very nice.

Comm. Nardini-Hanson **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-20 as presented, approving one wall sign for Karate-Do located at 896 High Street.

Comm. Merz **SECONDED**.

AYES: Merz, Spokely, Nardini-Hanson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthington, Elder

The motion was approved.

B. Historic Design Review - 301 Commercial Street (Native Sons of the Golden West) - File HDR 08-18. The applicant requests approval to repaint the building's rear exterior wall located at 301 Commercial.

Planner Lowe gave the staff report. He clarified that the correct address of the project is 321 Commercial Street. He reviewed the proposed paint colors and the areas of the building that will be repainted. Staff has a concern regarding the Gold and Annapolis Blue colors proposed for the storm doors. The applicant has agreed to paint the storm doors black in lieu of Annapolis Blue; however given that the Gold is a historic Native Sons of the Historic West color, the applicant requests approval of the Gold trim color as presented.

Comm. Kidd pointed out that the back of the building faces a street that is lightly traveled. She asked if the reason for the concern with the gold color is because it's a new color to the building, or because it's not a historic color.

Comm. Lowe replied that it is because it is a new color to the building.

Comm. Briggs stated that she is in favor of the gold color, particularly since it is in keeping with the name "Native Sons of the Golden West".

The public hearing was opened.

Ray Thompson of 385 Placer Street who is on the Board of Trustees for the Native Sons of the Golden West, Order 59 stated that the blue that was chosen for the storm doors has now been abandoned. The only blue they plan to use is on the main door, with gold trim around the door.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Kidd **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-21 approving the repainting of the structure's rear exterior wall located at 321 Commercial Street, as modified by the Historic Design Review Commission that the main door will be painted Annapolis Blue with Gold trim around the door.

Comm. Merz **SECONDED**.

AYES: Merz, Spokely, Nardini-Hanson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthington, Elder

The motion was approved.

C. **Historic Design Review - 180 Oakwood Drive (Taco Tree) - File HDR 08-2.** The applicant requests approval of site and facade improvements including a 70 square foot bathroom addition, ADA upgrades, patio area and repainting of the building facade located at 180 Oakwood Drive.

Planner Lowe gave the staff report. He described the proposed changes to the site, which will include relocation of the existing Handicapped space and restriping with 2 Standard Parking Spaces; construction of a new ADA Parking Stall and Path of Travel; construction of New concrete Improvements in front of the building complying with ADA standards; construction of a new ±70 square foot ADA compliant bathroom addition; and new exterior paint.

On the East elevation the applicant is proposing a new Turquoise color 36" x 2" pipe railing with horizontal rails. Staff has added Condition of Approval No. 3, recommending that a black wrought iron (or equivalent) fence be constructed at this location in lieu of the pipe railing.

Planner Lowe also reviewed the proposed changes to the outdoor seating area and parking lot. Staff recommends approval of the proposed changes.

Comm. Kidd asked why staff recommends the change in the railing type and color.

Planner Lowe replied that it is staff's opinion that black wrought iron railing is more decorative.

Comm. Spokely asked if the HVAC unit will be screened.

Planner Lowe replied that it will not be screened, but the unit will be painted to make it less visible.

The public hearing was opened.

The architect for the project, Jerry Beck of 12105 Dry Creek Road introduced himself. He provided more details about the proposed project.

Comm. Briggs asked if the new fascia will be red in place of the existing brown.

Mr. Beck replied that this is correct.

Comm. Spokely asked for a description of the new vertical element and a possible reconfiguration of the parking lot near the existing seating area.

Mr. Beck explained the proposed changes to the building. He stated that they tried to reconfigure the parking lot, but doing so would result in the loss of multiple parking spaces.

Comm. Spokely asked if there was a possibility of moving the light pole that is now in the middle of the parking lot.

Mr. Beck replied that the expense to move the pole and the electrical lines would be too great.

There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Spokely **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-22, approving site and facade improvements including a ±70 square foot bathroom addition, ADA upgrades, patio area, and repainting of the Taco Tree located at 180 Oakwood Drive as modified by the addition of the following conditions:

- 1) Contingent upon compliance with ADA requirements, the patio seating may remain at the discretion of the applicant/property owner

2) A site appropriate fence (black wrought iron or equivalent), subject to Public Works approval for site distance.

Comm. Kidd **SECONDED.**

AYES: Merz, Spokely, Nardini-Hanson, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm.
Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthington, Elder

The motion was approved.

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There will be meetings on June 3, 2008 and June 17, 2008.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant