



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY (FLWCCC)

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REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2016 DRAFT MINUTES

Held at
Marin County Civic Center
County Administrator's Office, Board Conference Room 324A
San Rafael, California

Members Present: Joan Brown, Lynn Downey, Sandra Fawn, Cheryl Lentini, June Miller, Mark Schatz, Suki Sennett

Others Present: David Speer, Janis West, County Administrator's Office; Libby Garrison, Department of Cultural Services; Bill Schwarz, Architect; David Vaughan, Mary Hobson, Department of Public Works (DPW); Chief Jason Weber, Marin County Fire Department; Cristine Alilovich, Fire Chief Christopher Gray, City of San Rafael; Mary McGrath, Raaj Patel, Mary McGrath Architects

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Mark Schatz called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING: Joan Brown made a motion and Sandra Fawn seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.
3. PRESENTATION ON SAN RAFAEL FIRE STATION #57 REPLACEMENT ON CIVIC CENTER DRIVE: Cristine Alilovich introduced the presentation by Mary McGrath Architects for a new building design proposal for Fire Station 57 located next to the Civic Center Post Office and which is located near the Civic Center campus. This is one of three projects for the City of San Rafael. They consider this an important link to the Civic Center and are excited about the partnership with the County. Mary McGrath presented proposed building designs.
 - a. The City of San Rafael hired an historian who concluded the building is not within the sphere of the Civic Center and can therefore be replaced, but recommended they follow the same guidelines as the Civic Center due to its close proximity
 - b. Image boards helped to determine spire and surrounding influence for the design
 - c. Used some of the principles of the Civic Center (Master) Guidelines
 - i. Horizontal factor
 - ii. Clear line of sight toward spire
 - iii. Fewer forms (simpler, quiet)
 - iv. Harmonized, scaled proportion
 - v. Simple, unifying
 - d. Improvements suggest an apparatus bay the engines can easily access

- e. Allows for a drive-around area
- f. Determined traffic signals not necessary based on study of calls
- g. Golf Road will not be impacted
 - i. Meetings have been planned with local community groups and station hosting neighborhood open house
- h. Will be adding a medic company to better serve the area
- i. Entrance on north side will allow engines to access each of the three bays
- j. Proposed building color will be complementary, creamy
- k. Discussion, suggestions and issues raised:
 - i. Curve roof down, bring ridge line down
 - ii. Horizontal element to frame driveway
 - iii. Shaping is good
 - iv. Match red accent color with post office color
 - v. Arches rounded; curve windows
 - vi. More light access from roof
 - vii. Consider tall windows over small punched windows
 - viii. Landscape or plant trees on other side of gate
 - ix. Recommend brown or gold tones for roof color

Suki Sennett moved and Sandra Fawn seconded the motion to support the proposed design color scheme consistent with the Civic Center color palette and the minor modifications recommended be considered. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. McGrath said they will bring design changes back to the Conservancy for review prior to the Board of Supervisors presentation.

- 4. UPDATE ON WORLD HERITAGE NOMINATION:
 - a. David Speer reported there is a conference call scheduled for today. He will notify Conservancy members if there is anything to report.
- 5. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL COMBINED MEETING WITH CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION: PARKING AND TRAFFIC STUDY FOR FARMERS' MARKET AT CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: David Speer said DPW and Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT) are scheduled in March to present an update to the Cultural Services Commission and queried the Conservancy's interest in arranging a joint meeting with them. Members expressed interest, so he will proceed and confirm the date and time.
- 6. MEMBER ITEMS FOR UPDATES AND FUTURE AGENDAS:
 - a. Mark Schatz announced the dedication of the South Novato Library is January 29 at 1:30 PM and their open house is January 30 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- 7. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
 - a. Libby Garrison
 - i. Bill Schwarz and June Miller will be attending the upcoming Cultural Services Commission meeting to notify members of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy's (FLWBC) annual conference in San Francisco scheduled for November
 - ii. Civic Center Docent tours are being arranged for the Commission members
 - iii. The docent script is under editor review

- iv. The App project will need to go through budget review before approval
 - v. "If Only" has entered into a partnership with Cultural Services for exclusive, private docent tours and is very popular
 - 1. The cost is \$25, of which Cultural Services retains \$20
 - b. Bill Schwarz said the FLWBC's annual conference has arranged a tour of the Civic Center November 3.
 - c. David Speer said Jim Berger (Berger House) contacted him to offer the rebuilt version of the dog house to Marin County along with copies of the letters. He will work with the Library's California Room for preservation ideas. He will send a link of the Huffington Post article to members.
8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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