

SONOMA COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

5:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Convening in the Hearing Room at the
Permit and Resource Management Department
2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, California

COMMISSIONERS:

VACANT, 1st District, SHAWN MONTOYA, 2nd District;

HEATHER HINES, 3rd District, Chair; DANA DI RICCO, 4th District;

HOLLY HOODS, 5th District, Vice-Chair

Staff: LISA POSTERNAK

If you wish to speak on an item under discussion by the Commission, you may do so upon receiving recognition from the Chairman. Please approach the table in the center of the hearing room, sign in, and state your name and address and your comments or questions.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Call to Order by Chairman
Roll Call by Staff
Changes to Agenda/Other Business
Statements of Personal Contact/Conflict of Interest
Public Appearances on Non-Agenda Items

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Freeman Minor Subdivision, 15950 Bittner Road, Occidental; APN 073-200-052; Not On Historic Resources Inventory**

This item is a referral from the PRMD Project Review Division on the proposed minor subdivision of a parcel of 46.5 acres at 15950 Bittner Road in Occidental. The proposal is for subdivision of the subject property into four parcels ranging from 9.5 to 13.7 acres, each with an individual septic system. The Applicant has provided a tentative parcel map. It is noted that the tentative parcel map reviewed as part of the "Cultural Resources Evaluation" prepared by Archaeological Resource Service is different than the tentative parcel map provided by the Applicant.

The subject property contains nine structures as listed below. The "Cultural Resources Evaluation" concludes that these structures are not significant historic resources under the State of California eligibility criteria.

northern portion of property

- single-family residence with attached "wash house" and "wood shed"
- "utility shed"
- "mostly collapsed" shed
- "completely collapsed" shed

southern portion of property

- "redwood barn" with "chicken shed" addition
- "brooder house" converted to a residence
- "chicken barn"
- "collapsed" shed

western portion of property

- shed

The tentative parcel map shows the nine structures on the subject property separated onto three parcels. Four structures (all structures on the northern portion of the property) would be on separate "Parcel 2" of 10.8 acres; four structures (all structures on the southern portion of the property) would be on separate "Parcel 4" of 22.3 acres; and one structure (the structure on the western portion of the property) would be on separate "Parcel 1" of 12.2 acres.

The tentative parcel map indicates that all of the structures on the northern portion of the property would be demolished.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Commission will do the following:

1. Determine Adequacy of Cultural Resources Report

Determine whether the Cultural Resources Report is adequate to determine whether the structures on the subject property are significant historic resources.

- a. If the Cultural Resources Report is inadequate, determine how the Report must be revised in order to be adequate, and require the Applicant to submit an adequate Report to the Landmarks Commission.
- b. If the Cultural Resources Report is adequate, Step 2.

2. Determine Whether Structures Are Significant Historic Resources

Determine whether any of the structures on the subject property are significant historic resources.

- a. If none of the structures on the subject property are significant historic resources, recommend approval of the proposed project.

- b. If any of the structures on the subject property are significant historic resources, Steps 3 and 4.

3. Determine Whether Proposed Project Would Have Significant Adverse Impact on Historic Resources

Determine whether the proposed project would have a significant adverse impact on the significant historic resources on the subject property.

- a. If the proposed project would not have a significant adverse impact on the significant historic resources, recommend approval of the proposed project.
- b. If the proposed project would have a significant adverse impact on the significant historic resources, recommend changes to the proposed project to reduce the impact to a level of less than significant.

4. Recommend Designation of Significant Historic Resources as Historic Landmark

If any of the structures on the subject property are significant historic resources, recommend that the Applicant apply to PRMD to add HD Zoning to the historic resources in order to designate them as an Historic Landmark.

OLD BUSINESS

5. 2008-2009 TOT Advertising Fund Grant

The Landmarks Commission will discuss and decide how the \$45,000 2008-2009 Advertising Fund Grant should be spent and what consultants to hire should the Commission receive the grant. Staff has applied for \$20,000 to fund the Historic Resources Website (adding content and getting the website up and running) and \$25,000 to fund additional historic resource surveys and evaluations for future designation of historic properties as Historic Landmarks.

The final Board of Supervisors hearing on the budget for the Advertising Fund will be on August 20, 2008. Staff should know after that hearing whether the Landmarks Commission will receive the \$45,000 Advertising Fund Grant.

6. Authority and Responsibility of Landmarks Commission Relative to CEQA

Staff and Greg Dion of County Counsel discussed the issues in June. Staff and Greg Dion will meet with PRMD Deputy Planning Director Jennifer Barrett in August or September to further discuss the issues and clarify the authority and responsibility of the Landmarks Commission relative to CEQA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7. Minutes of June 5, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of this meeting have not yet been completed.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

REPORTS FROM STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

ENCLOSURES

Materials for 15950 Bittner Road, Occidental