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FINAL MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC SITES AND RECORDS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 (Approved 10/21/24)

TIME: 3:00 P.M.
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT CENTER LOWER
FLOOR, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
CONFERENCE ROOM, 5100
BULLION STREET, MARIPOSA

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission (HSRPC) was called to order by Chair Hawley at 3:06 PM.

Present: Jeanetta Phillips, Jacob Hawley, Letha Goger, Richard Westfall

Excused: Clay River, Kathleen Leavitt, Jazzmyn Gegere

Staff: Polina Pivak

Guests: Matt Hespenheide, Claudia Gonzales

2. Committee Business

- a. Discussion on Upcoming Tour of Mariposa County Historic Courthouse for Potential Future Renovations

Hawley introduced the item.

3. Recess for Tour of Mariposa County Historic Courthouse

Public members are welcome to join; this will be a walking tour beginning at the Development Services Conference Room over to the Courthouse, and returning to the Development Services Conference Room.

Hawley opened discussion. HSRPC discussed the project at a previous meeting and was ready to proceed with the tour. Chair Hawley recessed the regular meeting of the HSRPC at 3:07 PM

Hespenheide showed HSRPC the Courthouse vault exterior, specifically a late 1930s renovation addition between the vault and main courthouse. No exterior modifications are proposed as part of this project, including the vault. Current ADA access is in the rear, but full compliance would require a ramp in the front.

Hespenheide showed HSRPC the old vault and new vault addition.

HSRPC entered the courthouse.

Hespenheide stated that the future project will include interior modifications of the Clerk's Office, Collections to make the spaces ADA compliant.

Hespenheide showed HSRPC the Clerk's Office and Collection's. Both spaces are very small and have been previously modified.

HSRPC asked for clarification on project details. The future project is proposed to include an expansion of the space into the next-door room(s), extension of counter space in height and width, new historic counters, new paint, new tiled carpet, new electrical lighting to match turn of the century design, widen doorways, and preservation of original material and trim as possible. Design options for all project aspects will be presented.

Project will occur in phases to allow for the Courthouse to remain open.

One expansion includes the removal of a non-supporting wall that was added in the 1930s to create storage space.

Phillips asked if any re-siding is to occur. No re-siding, only painting is expected with the project. Goger asked if any repairs, such as cracked trim, is expected. No modifications to interior wall trim are expected. Goger stated that consistency would be nice to achieve. Goger asked about the new door handles to be proposed. Door handles must meet safety requirement, but match what is existing as much as possible. The walls will be replaced with historic wooden tongue and groove instead of the existing 1970s interior wall design. Ceiling will also be renovated to be historically accurate.

Any modifications as part of this project are considered an investment. The courthouse will soon turn 200 years old.

HSRPC toured the law library. The space is used for court sessions.

HSRPC discussed Mariposa County's oldest historical assets.

The project has a strict timeline due to the Courthouse fiscal contribution to the project, which comes from the internal budget.

Pivak asked if the project proponents plan to engage a historic preservationist for CEQA compliance and to prevent any project hold-ups. Hespenheide stated that a report will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office due to Federal Designation.

HSRPC returned to the Development Services Conference Room.

Reconvene

Chair Hawley reconvened the regular meeting of the HSRPC at 3:56 PM

4. Committee Business (Continued)

- a. Continue Discussion on Tour of Mariposa County Historic Courthouse for Potential Future Renovations

Hawley opened discussion. Hawley summarized the proposed project. Hawley asked if formal state and staff review will be completed and presented to the HSRPC. Pivak confirmed.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Hawley adjourned the meeting at 4:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Polina Pivak, Housing and Community Development Specialist