

	<p>CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA</p> <p>REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC & CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>City Hall Council Chamber 11 English Street Petaluma, CA 94952</p>
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MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rinehart called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Thomas Whitley, John Perlis, Paul Pitingaro, Bill Rinehart, Alice van Ommeren

ABSENT: None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes.

Chair Rinehart opened the public comment period. There were no General Public Comments, and Chair Rinehart closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Historic Commercial District – Street Furnishings Update (Bicycle Parking and Trash Receptacles)** – City staff will present and seek recommendations from the Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee on alternatives for new bicycle parking and multistream waste receptacles designed to align with bicycling and commercial area waste management best practices, and that would be compatible with the Historic Commercial District's streetscape aesthetics. Discussion topics will include the footprint (size and shape), materials, colors, and typical placement locations for each. This is a discussion item only. No discretionary action will be taken on this item; therefore, no CEQA finding is required to be made for this meeting item.

Isabel Castellano, Historic Preservation Specialist, introduced the item. Bjorn Gripenburg, Project Manager, Public Works & Utilities, presented the staff report and requested feedback on bicycle parking and racks with regards to shape, color, and location [i.e., on-street (bike corral) or off-street (sidewalk)].

Committee members asked questions of staff.

- Vice Chair van Ommeren asked about examples for historic districts. Gripenburg noted that an option for more custom or artistic racks would be more expensive and would require a longer lead time.
- Committee Member Pitingaro asked if the different designs allow the same number of bikes. Staff responded that each design accommodates two bikes per rack.

Rhianna Frank, Climate Action Manager, presented the staff report regarding Downtown beautification and waste receptacles, noting that the City applied for a grant for partial funding to supply around transit, park & Downtown locations. She noted the extensive community outreach resulting in five receptacles and presented photos of five options to review.

Castellano summarized applicable regulations, analysis, and the Secretary of Interior's Standards. She requested committee feedback.

- Chair Rinehart asked about the art component for trash receptacles. Staff stated that the grant did not cover art.
- Committee Member Pitingaro asked if consideration was given to compost receptacles. Frank stated that she would like to see that, but it would be difficult to implement because contamination is often an issue. It would require extensive education for success. The dual stream would be a more successful program.
- Vice Chair van Ommeren asked if it would be implemented city-wide. Staff responded that the needs for transit, parks, and downtown are distinct and would like to meet the needs of the Committee criteria and responses from the community survey.
- Chair Rinehart asked if it would be serviced by staff or Recology. He would like to see that service is not disrupted. Staff responded that it varies based on location.
- Vice Chair van Ommeren asked what shape is preferred. Staff responded that square is preferred because they are larger.
- Committee Member Perlis asked if the opening was large enough for a pizza box. Staff responded that Option 2 opening is larger.

Chair Rinehart opened and closed public comment.

Chair Rinehart asked for feedback on the Bicycle Racks.

- Committee Member Pitingaro preferred round, on-street, galvanized, stainless or black.
- Committee Member Whitley asked which colors were most durable and noted his preference for the bike corral option due to being on the street. Staff noted that they are powder-coated, which makes all the colors the same durability.
- Committee Member Perlis noted that a bike corral would help discourage bikes on the sidewalk and that he would like to see the concentrated to a few areas.
- Vice Chair van Ommeren preferred the on-street bike corrals and asked if the circular option is recognized as a bike rack and about locations. Staff replied that they need to review turning templates before implementation.

- Chair Rinehart preferred the bike corral with a concentration of bike parking along the road and a reminder for cars to share the road. He suggested not replacing the existing racks and noted that a few years ago, an art competition resulted in the design of the existing racks. He stated his concern about clutter and did not want the new racks to stand out. He would like to see unity, and they should be color coded. His preference would be black and round tubes. He also suggested not to overly stripe the district.

Chair Rinehart asked for feedback on receptacles.

- Committee Member Whitley preferred Options 1, 2 & 4 and pointed out more of a gap on #s 1 & 2.
- Committee Member Perlis preferred Option 2 and thought the blue color is eye-catching.
- Vice Chair van Ommeren preferred a round shape but Option 2 if square. Preferred black or neutral. Option 5 if the round is preferred.
- Committee Member Pitingaro preferred Options 2, 5, and 1. Colors neutral or black preferred. Blue ok if it is effective.
- Chair Rinehart noted his concern about the aesthetic effects in the historic district and felt that none of the options are appropriate in this area. He suggested concentrating on areas where there are currently no receptacles, like mid-block, and keeping the existing ones since they still work and went through a major review process. He felt Option 2 would work but did not like completely blue, but perhaps with a blue lid. Although the existing ones do not meet the requirements of the program, he does not support replacing them.

Chair closed discussion on the item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. **HCPC Ad Hoc Committee** – Consider the formation of an HCPC ad hoc committee that would recommend amendments to Implementing Zoning Ordinance Chapter 15 Preservation of the Cultural and Historic Environment and SmartCode Section 7 Historic Resource Conservation & Preservation Amendments. The Committee would exist until recommendations are made to the full City Council or the end of calendar year 2025, whichever comes first. Not a project/exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065, CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c), 15061(b)(3), 15262, and/or 15378; therefore, this meeting item is not subject to CEQA.

Isabel Castellano presented a staff report about the formation of an ad hoc committee. Assistant City Attorney Dylan Brady noted that an ad hoc committee does not need to comply with the Brown Act because it is not a quorum and cautioned no more than two members. It could be a serial meeting if a third person is included.

- Committee Member Perlis – requested monthly meetings during the time that the ad hoc meets to update the rest of the committee.

Chair Rinehart opened and closed public comment.

Chair Rinehart opened discussion.

- Committee Member Perlis and Chair Rinehart volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Vice Chair van Ommeren asked about the process of making amendments. Staff responded that there is a dissolution date after 6 months when the initial work takes place, and amendments would be forwarded to the Committee for adoption. The Committee does not need to be convened.
- Chair Rinehart suggested focusing on updating Chapter 15. Staff suggested that the General Plan Update would not be part of this initial review, but the Ad Hoc Committee can be reconvened at a later time.

Chair Rinehart closed discussion and asked for a motion.

Motion to establish the Ad Hoc Committee, nominate Committee Member Perlis and Chair Rinehart as ad hoc committee members, with dissolution in 6 months, or October 11, 2023, made by Whitley, seconded by Rinehart.

Vote: 5-0

Yes: Thomas Whitley, John Perlis, Paul Pitingaro, Bill Rinehart, Alice van Ommeren

No: None

Absent: None

Recused: None

COMMITTEE COMMENT

- Vice Chair van Ommeren announced the events on the calendar for National Historic Preservation Month in May 2023.
- Committee Member Perlis asked who the City would turn to if they would need a historian and if someone is on retainer. Staff noted the services that Historical Specialist Isabel Castellano could provide and if a more involved resource is needed then a request for proposal would be initiated. Perlis noted that Santa Barbara, which is a certified local government, provides in-house historian services.
- Vice Chair van Ommeren asked for an update on the Hotel Weaver project. Trippel provided an update. Staff is considering a height and overlay district and are scheduling a future study session. The development team will be hosting a community meeting at Brooks Note Winery and will be providing meetings with other groups in the future.
- Committee Member Perlis would like to see brief HCPC progress to past projects. Staff noted that after approval the next point of contact is generally when a building permit is submitted. In addition, the City Manager's Report and Planning Manager's Report could be used as communication tools.
- Chair Rinehart mentioned an informative presentation that Isabel Castellano provided regarding updates to new housing laws and asked if that information could be shared. Staff noted that the video was a paid seminar, but a brief summary could be shared at a future meeting.

STAFF COMMENT

Planning Manager Trippel noted his appreciation for requests for additional learning tools and the establishment of the ad hoc committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chair Rinehart adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.