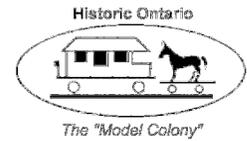


HISTORIC PRESERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE



MINUTES

Date: May 10, 2012

Time: 5:35-7:10 p.m.

Location: **City Hall, Conference Room 5**
303 East "B" Street
Ontario, CA 91764

Attendance:

Planning Commissioners: Rick Gage, Robert Gregorek and Barbara Hartley
Staff: Otto Kroutil, David Simpson, Rudy Zeledon, and Diane Ayala
Public: None

A. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

B. MINUTES: Minutes from **April 12, 2012** approved with a 3-0.

DESIGNATIONS: Projects in the Designation section of the agenda are not considered projects under CEQA.

C. HISTORIC LANDMARKS: None

D. HISTORIC DISTRICTS: None

E. CALIFORNIA AND NATIONAL REGISTERS: None

F. REMOVAL FROM ELIGIBILITY LIST/ TIER DETERMINATION: None

PROJECT REVIEW

G. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:

1. File No. PHP12-005. 275 N. Euclid Avenue. The HPSC reviewed a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a 1.77 acre park (Ontario Town Square) located on North Euclid Ave between Lemon Avenue and B and C Streets with Otto Kroutil presenting the project. The project includes planting California native plants, developing meandering pathways, creating a historically themed mosaic art wall, constructing a community amphitheatre, children's play area, and a wedding/garden area. The Subcommittee raised several questions related to landscape, more particularly the tree species selection process, use of compatible materials, naming of the park, and the history wall. The HPSC expressed concern of the modern design of the band shell and whether the park, overall, had enough of a historical connection to Euclid Avenue.

The HPSC stated that the California Pepper Tree was a historically significant tree along the Euclid Avenue median and questioned why it was not included in the landscape palette. Staff responded by explaining that the California Pepper Tree is not considered a good tree for public spaces due to its structure. The Fruitless Olive and California Native Oaks trees were selected instead to represent landscape heritage. In addition, the HPSC questioned if the landscape design considered views to and from the surrounding areas and throughout the park. Staff informed the HPSC that view corridors were considered and that the proposed landscape palette adequately addresses those concerns.

The HPSC questioned if the use of river rock can be incorporated into the design of the park at the entry monuments or along the planter walls. Staff responded by stating that the use of river rock was not historically used within the downtown area and that it is difficult to find craftsman that can successfully execute construction using river rock material. Because brick was a common material used in the downtown, brick has been incorporated into the project.

In addition, the HPSC suggested that the park should be named to reflect Ontario's ties to its history and requested that a name change be considered. Staff presented the history wall concept to the HPSC. The HPSC was in support of a wall dedicated to a scene or scenes which highlights, promotes, and educates the

community of its heritage and history of the downtown area. With a 3-0 vote, the HPSC recommended approval to the Planning/Historic Preservation Commission, with the following conditions:

1. The art work proposed on the history wall should go back to the HPSC for review and input prior to approval of the art work.
2. This approval is for the Master Plan which showed the kiosk at the north-west corner of the project area. Any deviation from the Master Plan shall required review and approval by the HPSC.
3. A park name which represents Ontario's heritage should be considered over "Ontario Town Square".

H. MISCELLANEOUS REVIEWS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

I. RECENT PLAN CHECK: None

J. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS: June 14, 2012