Historic Heritage Committee Meeting
February 26, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

I. OPEN MEETING

Chair Seebart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. REPORT ON POSTING THE AGENDA AND ROLL CALL

Management Assistant Christina Ruiz reported the agenda for the Special Historic Heritage Committee meeting of February 26, 2019 was posted on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 9:50 a.m.

Roll Call:
Present: Chair Seebart, Committee Member Robinson, Committee Member Morales Medina, and Committee Member Fischer.

Arrived Late: Council Member Leroe-Muñoz (6:03)

IV. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES October 18, 2018

Approval of meeting minutes from October 18, 2018 have been moved to next month’s meeting.

V. PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Selection of Chair / Vice Chair / HSR citizen representative

Senior Planner Pamela Wu asked the committee to select a new Chair, Vice Chair and HSR citizen representative.

Committee Member Fischer nominated Seebart for Chair and he accepted the nomination.

Motion was made by Committee Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Leroe-Muñoz to re-elect Steve Seebart as Chair with a vote of 5-0-0.
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Committee Member Fischer, Council Member Leroe-Muñoz, Committee Member Morales Medina, Committee Member Robinson and Chair Seebart.

Committee Member Fischer nominated Medina Morales for Chair and he accepted the nomination.

**Motion was made by Committee Member Fischer, seconded by Council Member Leroe-Muñoz to elect Fabian Medina Morales as Vice Chair with a vote of 5-0-0.**

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Committee Member Fischer, Council Member Leroe-Muñoz, Committee Member Morales Medina, Committee Member Robinson and Chair Seebart.

Committee Member Fischer nominated Seebart for HSR representative and he accepted the nomination.

**Motion was made by Committee Member Fischer and seconded by Council Member Leroe-Muñoz to elect Chair Seebart as representative of High Speed Rail (HSR) with a vote of 5-0-0.**

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Committee Member Fischer, Council Member Leroe-Muñoz, Committee Member Morales Medina, Committee Member Robinson and Chair Seebart.

B. Introduce and Receive 2019 Annual Budget Request

Finance Manager Bryce Atkins presented the report.

No requests were made for the annual budget.

Chair Seebart opened public comment.

Public Member Connie Rogers spoke.

Chair Seebart closed public comment.

C. Historic Resource Inventory (HRI) survey update and Historic Context Statement

Pamela Wu introduced the Dudek team to provide an overview presentation of the findings that were collected for properties over 45 years of age to develop a categorical chronological historic context. The next steps are to address comments that were received will be by conducting additional research and submit the final context to City of Gilroy by April 1, 2019.
Several Committee Members provided brief comments on the overall product of the context. Vice Chair Medina Morales added to the discussion and had asked the Dudek team to also capture elements of most recent history.

Chair Seebart opened public comment.

Public Members Connie Rogers and Carol DeSantis spoke.

Chair Seebart closed public comment.

E. Downtown Façade Program Discussion

Chair Seebart provided an update that the City Council has looked at two options for façade improvements allowing downtown business owners to receive a grant from the City of Gilroy to either change any aesthetic details such as painting or signage or option two to proceed with façade renovations that will require the City of Gilroy to go through a CEQA review.

Deputy Director, Sue O'Strander clarified that Council had given the City Administrator the options to consider and reconvene with Council for direction and at this point there is no specific option for downtown business owners.

Chair Seebart opened public comment.

Public Members Connie Rogers and Carol DeSantis spoke.

Chair Seebart closed public comment.

F. Historic Resources and CEQA Review Presentation

Pamela Wu provided an overview of the CEQA analysis and historic preservation to identify environmental impacts that may be considered to evaluate the project via CEQA.

G. Mills Act Inspection project progress update

Pamela Wu provided an overview of the Mills Act inspection process conducted in 2018 which surveyed 16 of 17 properties. This process followed similar techniques as the Dudek project by taking pictures and making note of any modifications made in the past 10 years.

Comments were received by the Committee.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

None.

IX. ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF THE HISTORIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE
Chair Seebart requested to agenized the Streamline Historic Review Process for the next regular HHC meeting.

X. PLANNING DIVISION MANAGER REPORT

Pamela Wu reminded the Committee that Council has allocated a $1,000.00 budget for training and/or business cards for each commission/committee and asked if anyone was interested in attending the Annual Preservation Conference being held in Palm Springs from May 8-11, 2019. Also, reminded members of the attendance policy.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:13 p.m. to the Next Regular Meeting of March 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Christina Ruiz, Management Assistant