



May 17, 2010

(By electronic transmission)
City of Alameda Historical Advisory Board
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

Subject: Historic Preservation Ordinance Revisions - -Revised Draft Ordinance dated 5-6-10

Dear Boardmembers:

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) would like to supplement the comments submitted to the HAB in our 5-6-10 letter (including the attachments to that letter) with additional comments as shown in the attached marked-up copy of the 5-6-10 draft ordinance.

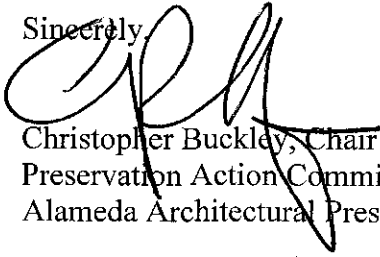
We would also like to elaborate upon three of the comments shown in the mark-ups:

1. **Retain existing HAB authority to approve ALL alterations to Landmarks (formerly Historical Monuments).** Under the existing ordinance, the HAB has authority to approve all alterations to Historical Monuments. This authority should be retained for Landmarks under the new ordinance. However, it is unclear under the new ordinance whether only Major Alterations (vs. all alterations) to Landmarks require HAB approval.
2. **Are “Historic Districts” still a subset of Landmarks (formerly Historical Monuments)?** Under the existing ordinance, Historic Districts are a subset of Historical Monuments but it is not clear whether this will still be the case under the proposed ordinance, since the proposed ordinance has some text that suggests that Historic Districts are a separate classification, possibly with their own designation procedure. However, such a procedure is not specified.
3. **“Good faith efforts” to relocate properties approved for demolition.** At its 5-6-10 meeting, the HAB did not support AAPS’s suggestion that the ordinance include a provision for the HAB to adapt criteria or guidelines describing what would normally be considered “good faith efforts”. We were surprised that the HAB decided not to pursue this suggestion, since such criteria had been listed in the 10-1-09 ordinance draft and we assumed that the HAB would want to memorialize these criteria in some form so that they could be easily referred to should a structure be approved for demolition in the future. See Attachment 2 for the 10-1-09 draft ordinance text.

Thank you again for the ongoing opportunities to comment on the ordinance revisions and for your very careful and thorough review of the AAPS comments submitted at the HAB’s 5-6-10 meeting.. Please contact me at (510) 523-0411 or cbuckleyAICP@att.net if you would like to discuss any of our comments.

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Sincerely,



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Alameda Architectural Preservation Society

Attachments:

- (1) Marked-up pages from 5-6-10 draft ordinance
- (2) Section 30-21.5(5) of 10-1-09 draft ordinance

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cc: Jon Biggs, HAB Secretary
AAPS Board and Preservation Action Committee members