

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE  
SALINAS HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD  
October 7, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Rotunda.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Hirahara, Vice Chairperson Mazgai, Board Members Callender and Shim

**ABSENT:** Board Member Wadsworth

**STAFF:** Planning Manager, Grant Leonard

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Opened for public comment at 12:01 p.m.

Denise Estrada provided comment about two historic resources preservation groups and requested to be invited to present at a future Historic Resources Board meeting. Dennise also shared about upcoming historic resources events at the Intermodal Transportation Center, and concluded with a comment about the vacancy on the Historic Resources Board.

Chairperson Hirahara provided an update on the acquisition of the Republic Café by the City and that the Asian Cultural Experience is going to develop the content for a future museum at the site.

Closed for public comment at 12:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** September 9th, 2024 ID #24-520

Board Member Shim motioned to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024, meeting. Board Member Mazgai seconded this motion.

**AYES:** Chairperson Hirahara, Vice Chairperson Mazgai, Board Members Callender and Shim

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

ABSENT: Board Member Wadsworth

This motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Historic Resources Board Progress Update of Certificate of Appreciation Program

Grant Leonard, Planning Manager: Presented draft program guidelines, application, and three draft certificate templates for consideration.

Board Member Callender: Inquired about the different categories for a certificate and the inclusion of educational and outreach activities.

Board Member Mazgai: Supported including educational and outreach activities in the program.

Chair Hirahara: Commented on timing and having certificates issued in May to create more of an impact for Historic Preservation Month. Commented that the guidelines capture what the Historic Resources Board is trying to accomplish.

Chair Hirahara and Board Member Mazgai: Asked if information about the program will be on the City website once it is finalized so the public can learn about it. Grant Leonard stated that it would be.

Board Member Mazgai: Appreciated that the concepts can still be tweaked and edited. Style wise the centered template is easiest to follow. Recommended changing the colors to complement the colors of the City logo.

Board Member Callender: Liked the centered one template as well. Recommended raising the logo to include the City motto, Rich in Land. Rich in values. Chair Hirahara agreed.

Chair Hirahara: Recommended emphasizing the Historic Resources Board being the instigator of the certificate, probably either with bold print or at least maybe even on the headline. Board Member Callender and Shim agreed.

Board Member Mazgai: Recommended making it as unique to Salinas as possible, and not just a standard template certificate. Recommended trying a new concept where most of it would be the Salinas background and a very thin little border of some type framing it.

Chair Hirahara: Asked if the certificate would be presented in a green folder that usually they sent out with certificates of proclamations because framing could be expensive.

Board Member Callender, Mazgai, and Chair Hirahara: Commented on the need for different text for the certificate depending on the category.

## **FOLLOW UP REPORTS**

Board Member Shim: Provided an update on efforts to raise awareness of historic resources through a public engagement art project.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Hirahara: Commented that the Certificate program will come back for final approval. Grant Leonard to confirm if Council approval is required.

Board Member Mazgai and Shim: Commented on the new coffee shop in the Travelers Hotel on Gabilan Street.

Grant Leonard, Planning Manager: Asked the Board if they would be interested in having staff from neighboring cities present on their Historic Resources programs. Board members expressed support for the idea.

Chair Hirahara: Confirmed that Denise Estrada's requested presentations would be on the agenda for a future meeting.

Board Member Mazgai: Requested that the Plaque discussion be on the agenda for a future meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Confirmation of attendance for next regular meeting on November 4, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

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Larry Hirahara  
Chairperson

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Grant Leonard  
Executive Secretary