



SPECIAL MEETING

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- I. **Historic Preservation Information Session.** The Planning Commission will facilitate a discussion with guest contributors in relation to historic preservation. This meeting will conclude the Planning Commission Historic Preservation Information Session series. This item does not include a staff report.  
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Commissioner Meyer spoke about some of the history of the elementary school.

James Papp, Architectural Historian, SLO, gave a presentation referencing the history of Morro Bay related to the elementary school campus and preservation opportunities in Morro Bay.

Glenn Silloway, President of the Morro Bay Historical Society, pre-recorded interview was shown. He spoke of the historic preservation draft ordinance which has been recommended by the Planning Commission to City Council and was put together by the hard work of the Historical Society of Morro Bay. Glen also described the historical value of the buildings we were meeting in and the exciting consideration and exploration of the Elementary School campus for Morro Bay.

Chairperson Roschen introduced the Councilmembers who attended the meeting: Carla Wixom, Jen Ford, Laurel Barton, and Cindy Edwards.

Chairperson Roschen also introduced the Historic Panelists: Bill Martony, Jeff O'Dell, Marlene Owens, Michael Woody, Toni Woody, Gail Queen, Nancy Bast, Dorothy Cutter, Roger Castle, and Joe Dunlap.

Chairperson Roschen opened the Public Comment period.

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Bill Martony, Morro Bay, commented that this was his first time in the building and was so impressed also stated that his wife went to school there. Asked if it was true that if the school was no longer there the Quintana family would get the property back and if there is a deed restriction associated with this.

Judy Setting, Morro Bay, answered Bills question about the second stairway to the bell tower leads to a bomb shelter. Also spoke about in 1995 a teacher named Guy Crab tutelage his students in researching the history of how this building came to be.

Linda Donnelly, Morro Bay, spoke about how she raised her two sons at this school, and she was a room mom and involved in PTA. She also mentioned that she was told that the building was zoned for housing, asked what the school district has in mind now and asked if the city has considered buying the property.

James Papp, Architectural Historian, SLO, spoke about the different types of historical recognitions.

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Jeff O'Dell, Morro Bay, commented that he raised two sons that both attended Morro Bay Elementary School as well as a half-brother who attended the school. Spoke about the green space and how it's the only impromptu soccer pitch, only place that you can fly a kite, it's the safest place to teach a child how to ride a bike.

Morro Bay Resident stated she wanted to reinforce what the previous speaker spoke about and how this area is so important for the entire community.

Marlene Owens, Morro Bay, commented that the Owens family has many memories here. Commented that she remembers playing softball out in the field in 1970. Also commented that all her children attended school at the Morro Bay Elementary School.

Morro Bay Resident commented that they will save the 5 acres.

Chairperson Roschen closed the Public Comment period.  
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Commissioner King explained the Book Club that was formed by the Planning Commission and the first book that they read was Architect Verb and explained a little about it.

Vice-Chairperson Rodriguez spoke about the second book that will be read, it is called The Good Ancestor and gave a brief description of it.

Commissioners presented their comments.

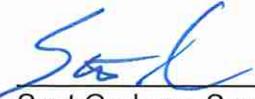
James Papp explained the applicability and adaptability of a historic ordinance, its significance and historic significance and preservation efforts.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular Planning Commission meeting at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, on July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Bill Roschen, Chairperson

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Scot Graham, Secretary

