

Council and Authorities Concurrent Meeting

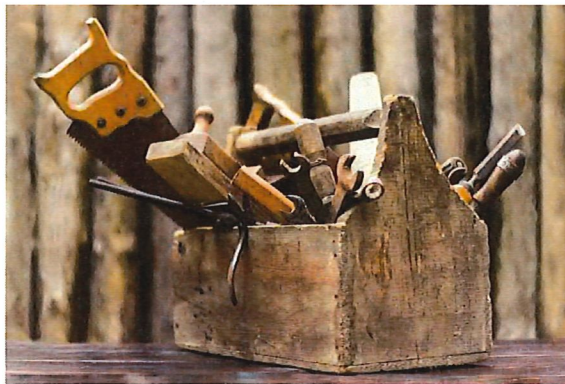
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Building the Preservation Toolbox



POST MEETING MATERIAL



Goals

- Create Reference Tools
- Create Mindful Preservation Plans
- Create Proper Oversight
- Protect Our Shared History
- Set Good Examples and Educate



Create Reference Tools

- Create Context Statements – We don't know what we don't know
- Review and Update Historic Preservation Ordinance
- Publish Resources and Create Public Awareness



Create Mindful Preservation Plans

- Current and Upcoming Projects
 - Morse Mansion
 - Downtown Precise Plan
 - Station Area Plan
- Historic Site Designation
 - Local, State, and National Listing



Create Proper Oversight

- Cost more to apply for proper permits than do the wrong thing and ask for forgiveness
 - ~\$10,000 in fees to apply for the Mills Act Contract – our best historic preservation tool
 - Maximum fine per code violation (if enforced) is \$1000
- We are losing our history
 - Window replacements and structure demolition without permits
 - Demolition by neglect
 - Interior “updates”
- HLC currently does not have oversight of City owned historic properties





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Protect Our Shared History

- Berryessa Adobe



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Set Good Examples and Educate

- Know our history
- Have a preservation plan
- Protect our historic resources – Most Important!!
- Share! Share! Share!



Call for Action

- Funding for Berryessa Adobe survey and repairs
- Funding for Context Statements
- Explore how to incorporate HLC in preservation of City owned historic properties
- Explore ways to strongly encourage property owners to protect our historic fabric
 - Strengthen enforcement mechanism
 - Review fee schedule



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