



HISTORIC LANDMARKS BOARD AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF SAUSALITO

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT / 420 LITHO STREET / SAUSALITO, CA 94965 / (415) 289-4128

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 22, 2011
MEETING TIME: 5:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Conference Room, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Morgan Pierce, Chair Vicki Nichols, Secretary Carolyn Kiernat John Flavin
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **NEW BUSINESS-**
 - A. **HISTORIC DESIGN GUIDELINES-INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DESIGN GUIDELINES** **Staff: Burns**
Project: Review and comment on the Initial Environmental Study/Negative Declaration prepared for the Public Draft of the Historic Design Guidelines and Zoning Ordinance Amendment (CDD/ENV/ZOA 09-074).
5. **OLD BUSINESS-**
 - A. **STATUS UPDATE ON THE NOTEWORTHY STRUCTURES ASSESSMENT** **Staff: Burns**
Project: Status update on the Noteworthy Structures Assessment and continue discussing a strategy for Placement of Noteworthy Structures onto the Local Register.
 - B. **STATUS UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT OF THE HISTORIC DESIGN GUIDELINES** **Staff: Burns**
Project: Status update on the Public Review Draft of the Historic Design Guidelines.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 25, 2011**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. **Department of Veteran Affairs Public Workshop Regarding the Machine Shop located at 28 Libertyship Way is scheduled for July 13, 2011**

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON WEDNESDAY,
July 27, 2011**

APPEALS: Any decision of the Historic Landmarks Board may be appealed by filing an appeal form and the required appeal fee with the Community Development Department within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the decision. If you challenge a decision of the Historic Landmarks Board in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the hearing or on appeal to the Planning Commission and City Council.

SPECIAL NEEDS: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (29 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title 11), if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Development Department at 289-4128. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The HLB meeting convened at 5:30 PM. Board Members Nichols, Pierce, and Flavin were present. Board member Kiernat was absent. Associate Planner Burns was also present. Members of the public included Scott and Ginger Foote and Daniel and Yulian Merriman

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. NEW BUSINESS-

A. FOOTE RESIDENCE/27 CENTRAL AVENUE

Project: Review of new deck to be constructed on an existing single family dwelling that is older than 50-years at 27 Central Avenue (APN 065-231-02).

Board members Flavin and Nichols presented information regarding 27 Central Avenue.

The HLB then made the following significance findings:

1. Is the structure associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history or cultural heritage of Sausalito, California, or the United States?

The board finds No Significance under this criterion.

2. Is this structure associated with the life or lives of one or more people important to our past?

The board finds No Significance under this criterion.

3. Does the structure embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represent the work of an important creative individual, or possess high artistic values?

The board finds No Significance under this criterion.

4. Has the structure yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history?

The boards finds No Significance under this criterion.

Based on the findings of no significance, the HLB did not provide comments on the project.

B. MERRIAM BUILDING/565 BRIDGEWAY

Project: Study Session for Conceptual Façade Improvements on a non-contributing building located at 565 Bridgeway (APN 065-171-02) which is located within the Downtown Historic Overlay Zoning District.

Project applicant and owner, David Merriman, presented a conceptual design for façade improvements. The concept includes the removal of the existing brick façade and a wooden façade replacement. The concept was described as a contemporary rendition of Victorian architecture.

The HLB's comments were as follows:

- 1. Maintain the general lines of the surrounding buildings.*
- 2. Consider a more modern interpretation of a Victorian architectural design (i.e., less ornate Victorian detailing).*
- 3. Shadow and details can be articulated with non-Victorian features.*

5. OLD BUSINESS- None

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 11, 2011 approved as amended.
May 17, 2011 approved.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON WEDNESDAY,
June 8, 2011.**

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CITY OF SAUSALITO

PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY / NEGATIVE DECLARATION

BACKGROUND

Project Name/No.: City of Sausalito Historic Design Guidelines/
CDD/ENV/ZOA 09-074

Project Location: City Wide

General Plan Designation: All

Zoning District: All

City Approvals Required: Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Outside Agency Approvals Required: None

Lead Agency: City of Sausalito City Council
c/o Sausalito Community Development Department
420 Litho Street
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Contact Person: Heidi Burns, Associate Planner
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INTRODUCTION

The City of Sausalito has recently prepared and released a Public Review Draft of the Historic Design Guidelines (which is termed the "Project" or "Guidelines" for the purposes of this study). The Sausalito Community Development Department Staff and the Sausalito Historic Landmarks Board have worked together with a consulting firm (Winter and Company) to guide the development of the Project. A public hearing was conducted on May 11, 2011 by the Historic Landmarks Board to solicit public input. The Planning Commission and City Council will conduct public hearings in June 2011 and July 2011 to solicit input as well. The Public Draft of the Historic Design Guidelines can be viewed and downloaded from the City of Sausalito website at <http://www.ci.sausalito.ca.us/Index.aspx?page=695>.

This Initial Environmental Study/Negative Declaration (IES/ND) addresses potential impacts of adopting and applying the Guidelines at a general level. Specific project-level impacts involving application of the Guidelines will be evaluated at the time individual discretionary projects require a Design Review Permit pursuant to Chapter 10.54 of the Sausalito Zoning Ordinance. As a result, this document serves as a Negative Declaration pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and 21080(c), and Article 6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

In accordance with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15071, the Negative Declaration described the proposed project, identifies, analyses, and evaluates the potential significant environmental impacts that may result from the proposed project. Furthermore, there are no significant environmental effects that are not peculiar to the project and were not analyzed as significant effects, including off-site impacts and cumulative impacts, in the General Plan EIR or for which new information is known that identifies a more severe impact.

DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- X** The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and this study constitutes a NEGATIVE DECLARATION in accordance with Section 15071 of the CEQA Guidelines.

- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there WOULD NOT be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION would be prepared.

- The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

- The proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Initial Environmental Study/
Negative Declaration Prepared By: Heidi Burns, Associate Planner

Date Prepared: June 1, 2011

Approved By: Heidi Burns 6.1.11
Heidi Burns Date

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of the approval of Historic Design Guidelines (referred herein as the “Guidelines”) and a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to require Design Review Permits to be consistent with the Guidelines.

The purpose of the Guidelines is to explain, interpret and expand upon general design criteria currently found in the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Unlike the Zoning Ordinance, the Guidelines establish preferences and recommendations, rather than development standards and regulations. The Guidelines therefore provide greater flexibility than zoning regulations in advancing the goal of protecting the City’s historic resources. The Guidelines would be applied to properties located within designated Historic Overlay Districts; properties listed on the Local, State, and/or National Register; and Arks.

The overall objectives of the Guidelines are as follows:

- ✓ Provide guidance to design professionals and property owners for the treatment of historic resources and historic characteristics unique to Sausalito.
- ✓ Provide the basis for decisions by which the Historic Landmarks Board, the Planning Commission, the City Council, and staff can evaluate projects as it relates to the preferred treatment of historic properties.
- ✓ Provide a concise framework for proposed design and construction for properties within the Downtown Historic Overlay Zoning District, future overlay zoning districts, and historic properties, including those properties listed on the Local, State, and/or National Register, and arks.
- ✓ Protect and reinforce the visual continuity of the community.
- ✓ Protect and enhance property values through historic preservation.
- ✓ Protect important structures that are considered historic resources and “Contributing” to the designed Historic Districts and to the neighborhood character and context.
- ✓ Protect the designated Historic Overlay Zoning District(s) by assuring new construction and additions to buildings are compatible with the Historic Overlay Zoning District(s).

The proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment may include, but not be limited to, a modification of Design Review Permit Finding 10.54.050.D.1 to add a reference to the Historic Design Guidelines.

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

Sausalito is located in Marin County, which is one of nine counties that comprise the Bay Area Region. Sausalito is located in the southern part of Marin County, bounded on the northwest by Marin City; on the northeast by Richardson’s Bay and San Francisco Bay; and on the southwest by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Sausalito encompasses both steep, wooded hillside and shoreline tidal flats. According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 2.2 square miles, of which 1.9 square miles of it is land and the remaining 0.3 square miles is under water. The population of Sausalito in 2010 is 7,061 according to the 2010 census.

Sausalito has a mixture of commercial, industrial (general and marine related), and residential uses with residential being the predominant use. With this mixture of uses couples with its land constraints, the City has limited areas available for infill construction.

An important defining characteristic of Sausalito is the age of its buildings. As described in the Community Development and Historical Preservation Element of the General Plan, “about half of the City’s buildings were constructed before 1950, some as early as the late 1800’s.” Since the late 1970’s the City has designated a Downtown Historic Overlay Zoning District comprised of 76 properties, three properties have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and one property has been procedurally listed on the Local Register.

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

1. AESTHETICS. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				✓
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a State scenic highway?				✓
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				✓
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				

Discussion – The purposes of the Historic Design Guidelines are to explain, interpret and expand upon general design criteria related to existing historic properties currently found in the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan, in addition to providing guidance to property owners, decision-makers, staff, and the public for the preservation of the architectural heritage and integrity of the City’s historic resources. Unlike the Zoning Ordinance, the Guidelines establish preferences and recommendations rather than rigid standards. The Guidelines therefore may be applied with greater flexibility than zoning regulations in advancing the goal of protecting the City’s historic resources.

The Guidelines would facilitate the preservation of the architectural heritage and integrity of the City’s historic resources by identifying standards to ensure that changes to the built environment would be sensitive to the community’s historical legacy. As the intent of the Guidelines is to aid in

the treatment of historic properties consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, no impact to aesthetics is anticipated with the approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines.

Additionally, the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) is to ensure the appropriate review authority considers the Guidelines when reviewing Design Review Permit projects for properties which are subject to the Guidelines.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

<p>2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES. In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. <i>Would the project:</i></p>	<p>Potentially Significant Impact</p>	<p>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</p>	<p>Less Than Significant Impact</p>	<p>No Impact</p>
<p>a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?</p>				<p>✓</p>
<p>b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?</p>				<p>✓</p>
<p>c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?</p>				<p>✓</p>

Discussion – The City of Sausalito does not have any land that is used or zoned for agricultural or farmland purposes, therefore the approval of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create any impacts on agricultural resources.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

<p>3. AIR QUALITY. <i>Would the project:</i></p>	<p>Potentially Significant Impact</p>	<p>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated</p>	<p>Less Than Significant Impact</p>	<p>No Impact</p>
<p>a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of an applicable air quality plan?</p>				<p>✓</p>
<p>b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?</p>				<p>✓</p>
<p>c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of</p>				

any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable Federal or State ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				✓
d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				✓
e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				✓

Discussion – The San Francisco Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is responsible for measuring the air quality of the region. The BAAQMD is a regional agency that regulates sources of air pollution within the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties.

The Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance amendment would not impact any issues related to air quality because the Project would not exacerbate levels of development identified beyond those analyzed in the General Plan. Additionally, the Guidelines do not provide any specific policy statements regarding air quality. Lastly and as previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purpose of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are being evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				✓
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				✓
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				✓
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				✓
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation				✓

policy or ordinance?				
f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not impact biological resources as the Guidelines will apply to the portions of developed properties which do not contain significant biological resources. Therefore, as previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purpose of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines?				✓
b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines?				✓
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				✓
d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				✓

Discussion – As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated. Furthermore, the intent of the Guidelines is to aid in the treatment of historic properties consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, and as a result, no negative impact is anticipated with the approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

6. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				✓

b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases.				✓
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Discussion – The City has not adopted any plan, policy, or regulation for the purposes of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not exacerbate impacts related to greenhouse emissions beyond the maximum build-out envisioned by the General Plan. The Guidelines may in fact reduce potential greenhouse gas emission through guidelines related to adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of existing buildings instead of the demolition and new construction, in addition to guidelines related to energy efficiency, such as allowances for solar panels. Therefore, as previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purpose of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

7. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?				✓
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?				✓
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				✓
iv. Landslides?				✓
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				✓
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				✓
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				✓
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not impact any issue related to geology and soils. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning

Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				✓
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				✓
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				✓
d. Be located on a site, which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				✓
e. For a project located within any Airport Land Use Plan, result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				✓
f. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				✓
g. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create any significant impacts to hazards and hazardous materials beyond those impacts identified in the General Plan. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				✓
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere				

substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned use for which permits have been granted)?				✓
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				✓
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				✓
e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				✓
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				✓
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a Federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Floor Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				✓
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				✓
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				✓
j. Inundation by seiche or mudflow?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would neither impact existing public and/or private drainage improvements, nor create the need for new drainage facilities. Furthermore, the Guidelines would not impact any issues related to water quality and waste discharge. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

10. LAND USE, PLANNING, POPULATION, AND HOUSING. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with the Sausalito General Plan, Downtown Specific Plan and/or Development Code or any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				✓

b. Physically divide an established community?				✓
c. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				✓
d. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				✓
e. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				✓

Discussion – An important defining characteristic of Sausalito is the age range of its buildings. The General Plan policies aid in the preservation of the City’s rich and colorful history. Many of the policies relating to the Community Design and Historical Preservation Element of the General Plan have been implanted and incorporated into the City’s Municipal Code. The Historic Design Guidelines will implement General Plan Program CD-7.2.7, HLB Guidelines. Program CD-7.2.7 recommends general guidelines be prepared for the preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of Sausalito’s historic properties, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Community Design and Historical Preservation Element of the General Plan. Additionally, it is not anticipated the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would create any negative impacts to land use, planning, population, and housing above and beyond those impacts envisioned by the General Plan. Furthermore, as previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures – No mitigation is required.

11. MINERAL RESOURCES. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State?				✓
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				✓

Discussion – The City of Sausalito does not have any known mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State, therefore the approval of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create a potentially significant impact on any mineral resources.

If mineral resources were to be identified in any update to the General Plan or any other land use plan, the approval of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance amendment would

not impact this resource because the Project would not exacerbate levels of development identified beyond the General Plan. Furthermore, as previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No mitigation is required

12. NOISE. <i>Would the project result in:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the Sausalito General Plan or Development Code, or applicable standards of other agencies?				✓
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				✓
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				✓
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				✓
e. For a project located within the Sausalito-Tahoe Airport Land Use Plan, expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create any noise impacts related to short term construction and long term land uses above and beyond those impacts envisioned by the General Plan. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures – No mitigation is required

13. PUBLIC SERVICES.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
i. Fire protection?				✓
ii. Police protection?				✓

iii. Schools?				✓
iv. Other public facilities?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create the need for new or expanded public services facility improvements relating to fire and police protection, schools, and/or other public facilities. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No mitigation is required.

14. RECREATION.	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				✓
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create the need for new or expanded recreation and/or park improvements. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No mitigation is required

15. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Cause an increase in traffic, which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				✓
b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the Sausalito General Plan, Development Code, and/or Public Improvement and Engineering Standards?				✓
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				✓
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or				✓

incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?				✓
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity?				✓
g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create the need for new or expanded transportation and/or traffic improvements. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measures Required

16. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. <i>Would the project:</i>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region?				✓
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				✓
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				✓
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				✓
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				✓
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				✓
g. Comply with Federal, State, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				✓

Discussion – Approval and implementation of the Historic Design Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment would not create the need for new or expanded utility and service systems. As previously discussed in the *Aesthetics* section of the IES/ND, the purposes of the Guidelines and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to ensure design preferences related to the treatment of historic resources are considered when Design Review Permits are evaluated.

Mitigation Measures - No Mitigation Measure Required.

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				✓
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)				✓
c. Does the project have environmental effects, which would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				✓

The determinations of the mandatory findings of significance are supported by the discussion contained within individual resource sections above. This study identifies no adverse impacts on the environment, therefore no mitigation measures are necessary to reduce any potential impacts related to the project.

Historic Design Guidelines Review Process and Time Line

Revised June 15, 2011

Date	Party	Description
April 20, 2011	City Council Plan Comm HLB	Joint City Council / Planning Commission / HLB Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff distributes Public Review Draft of Historic Design Guidelines • Presentation on Public Review Draft of Historic Design Guidelines
May 11	HLB	HLB conducts public hearing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Review Draft of Historic Design Guidelines HLB Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes public comment and recommends City Council approval of Historic Design Guidelines.
June 1	Staff	Staff distributes Draft Initial Environmental Study/ Negative Declaration (IES/ND) to Planning Commission, HLB, and City Council. Public comment period (minimum 20-days) on IES/ND starts.
June 15	Planning Commission	Planning Commission conducts public hearing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft IES/ND • Public Review Draft of Historic Design Guidelines • Zoning Ordinance Amendment to require Design Review Permits to be consistent with design guidelines (ZO Section 10.54.050.D.1). Recommended Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take public comment on above items, • Provide direction to staff, and • Continue public hearing to July 6.
June 22	HLB	HLB reviews Draft IES/ND and provides comments.
June 24	--	Draft IES/ND: public comment period closes.
June 25	Staff	Staff prepares draft responses to comments on Draft IES/ND
July 6	Planning Commission	Planning Commission conducts public hearing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft IES/ND • Public Review Draft of Historic Design Guidelines • Zoning Ordinance Amendment Recommended Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of responses to comments and recommend City Council approval of IES/ND. • Historic Design Guidelines: Take public comment and recommend City Council approval of Historic Design Guidelines. • Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Take public comment and recommend City Council approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

July 26	City Council	<p>City Council conducts public hearing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of IES/ND • Approval of Historic Design Guidelines • Zoning Ordinance Amendment to require Design Review Permits to be consistent with Historic Design Guidelines (ZO Section 10.54.050.D.1). <p>Recommended actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve IES/ND • Approve Historic Design Guidelines • Introduce Zoning Ordinance amendment.
Sept 13	City Council	City Council adopts Zoning Ordinance Amendment.
Oct 13		Zoning Ordinance Amendment goes into effect.



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MEDIA ADVISORY

VA to Hold Public Outreach Meeting on Machine Shop Future

June 16, 2011 – The San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) is holding a public outreach meeting to discuss ideas for rehabilitating the former Machine Shop on 25 Liberty Ship Way in Sausalito. The meeting will be held on July 13, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the Bay Model Visitor's Center, 2100 Bridgeway Ave., Sausalito. The Medical Center purchased the building and surrounding property from the General Services Administration (GSA) several years ago, and has conducted various geotechnical and seismic studies of the structure. The SFVAMC prefers to rehabilitate the building and is holding this public meeting to gather comments and answer questions. Concerned citizens, private organizations and local, state, and federal agencies are invited to attend. More information on this project is available for viewing at www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/visitors/sausalitoproject.asp.

What: Public Outreach Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 6 p.m.

Where: Bay Model Visitor's Center, 2100 Bridgeway Ave., Sausalito

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