

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 4, 2024
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor David Haubert, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. **ACTION ITEM: Nomination of Four County-Owned Properties to the Alameda County Register of Historic Resources - Whitecotton Cottage, San Lorenzo Pioneer Cemetery, Old Castro Valley Library, and Lake Chabot Nike Missile Base (Site SF-31C)**

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Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, Community Development Agency, presented a staff report on the nomination of four (4) county-owned properties for inclusion on the county register of Historic Resources, following a process outlined in the Parks, Recreation, and Historical Commission (PRHC) and the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The properties include the White Cotton Cottage, San Lorenzo Pioneer Cemetery, Old Castro Valley Library, and Lake Chabot Nike Missile Base. Each property has historical significance and has undergone assessments to confirm eligibility for listing. The PRHC has supported the nomination of these properties, and with the committee's approval, they will be presented to the full board for consideration at the March 14th Board of Supervisors' Planning Meeting.

Speakers

Linda Willis and Kelly Abreu commented on the Nomination of four historical sites to the Alameda County Historic Register.

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation

Other:

Recommendation from Transportation & Planning Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors' Planning Meeting.

II. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on Development Process Improvements and Next Steps**

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Joni Pattillo, County Administrator's Office, Bonnie Terra, Alameda County Fire Department, Ronald Browder, Environmental Health Department, Albert Lopez, Community Development Agency and Daniel Woldesenbet, Public Works Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Development Process Improvements and next steps.

The Development Process Improvements is the collaboration among multiple agencies to enhance the Development Review process. The initiative includes engaging a consultant to advise on process improvements.

The areas of focus include:

- Interdepartmental communication and collaboration
- Development service workflows
- Website information accessibility
- Turnaround times for predictability and accountability
- Developmental services permitting system
- Project management
- Successful implementation of the portal system

These improvements aim to streamline processes, improve communication, and enhance transparency for applicants.

Speakers

Kelly Abreu, Marc Crawford, Dale Silva, and Michelle commented on the Development Process Improvements.

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation

Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: County staff will

1. Provide regular updates on the permitting process, which could include reports on the number of permits issued, their stages in the pipeline, timelines, and any delays.
2. Provide feedback from applicants to improve customer service, through surveys or individual interviews to understand their experiences with the permitting process.
3. Generate reports on permitting data, providing existing data in a useful format
4. Schedule an update on the progress of the permitting process before or after the recess, depending on the availability of data and input from the Planning Commission.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu commented on 1) the lack of transparency and enforcement of parliamentary procedure when members leave the meeting, causing a loss of quorum; 2) One speaker received additional time to comment on an item; 3) There was a lack of metrics and standards in the Development Process Improvements report; 4) The county's poor compliance with RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation) standards and the neglect of environmental priorities, including protecting watercourses.

Dale Silva commented on the potential impact of SB 9 and lot splits on neighborhood character. Although state regulations are against public hearings on such lots, he stated should still be brought before the community for informational purposes. There is a need for transparency and oversight.