



**CITY OF NORCO  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020  
City Hall, Conference Rooms A & B, 2820 Clark Avenue, Norco CA 92860  
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CALL TO ORDER: **4:03 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: **Present:**  
Teresa Edwards, Chair  
Jamie Ball, Commission Member  
Carolyn Morse, Commission Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Commission Member Ball**

1. OATH OF OFFICE: Newly appointed Commission Member:

- Gabriel Mendoza

Deputy City Clerk Germain provided the Oath of Office to new Member Gabriel Mendoza.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

**M/S MORSE/BALL** to appoint Member Teresa Edwards to continue serving as Chair for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: BALL, EDWARDS, MENDOZA, MORSE**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

**M/S EDWARDS/MORSE** to appoint Member Carolyn Morse to serve as Vice Chair for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: BALL, EDWARDS, MENDOZA, MORSE**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

READ BY CHAIR EDWARDS: "All discretionary actions before the Historic Preservation Commission are advisory in nature and final actions will be confirmed, modified or deleted by the City Council."

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: **NONE**

4. DISCUSSION ITEM:

- A. Mitigation Measures for the Palomino Business Park Project. **Recommendation: Outreach Subcommittee recommends reviewing potential Mitigation Measures regarding the development of the Palomino Business Park Project, and make appropriation recommendations to the City Council for approval.**  
*(Cultural Resources Consultant)*

Consultant Bill Wilkman presented the staff report on file. For the benefit of the new Commission Member, he reviewed and explained the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, and how it pertains to protecting potential historical structures and properties. A PowerPoint presentation was given alongside the report to better explain the proposed Mitigation Measures. He met with the Outreach Subcommittee to discuss potential Mitigation Measures and how to best receive compensation for the loss of the historic Eisen complex.

Consultant Wilkman asked Chair Edwards to provide an overview of the potential Historical Room expansion floor plan, for a possible expansion of approximately 2,500 square-feet. She recognized Collection Consultant Wilson for his assistance in the designing of the potential future expansion. The main purpose of the expansion would be to accommodate the Eisen collection and future addition from Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Bash's Lake Norconian Resort collection.

Consultant Wilkman continued the presentation. An Archeologist will be on call to evaluate what may be found during construction; a Paleontologist will be there full time during grading. He reviewed each Mitigation Measures, as noted on the staff report and its attachment. He explained how the overhead track system would be used in the Historical Room, to display some of the Eisen exhibit.

Chair Edwards read a report she prepared, noting that it was on behalf of the Outreach Subcommittee. She further stated that the Commission had voted for the public option, adding that it was incorrectly presented to City Council. Asking that the Mitigation Measures be implemented before the Development Agreement is approved by City Council.

City Manager Okoro addressed Chair Edwards, concerns noted on a report she shared. He noted the Commission is reviewing the staff report presented by Consultant Wilkman, as it was a compilation of the Subcommittee meeting with the Consultant.

**M/S EDWARDS/BALL** to recommend to the City Council to approve the Mitigation Measures as presented in the staff report by Consultant Wilkman. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: BALL, EDWARDS, MENDOZA, MORSE**  
**NOES: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

- B. Proposed demolition of the Pedley Powerhouse **Recommendation: Make a recommendation to the City Council whether the Pedley Powerhouse still qualifies for designation as a historic resource.** (*Cultural Resources Consultant*)

City Manager Andy Okoro stated that based on City Attorney's opinion there is no additional role for the City to play in this matter other than issuing the discretionary demolition permit. Consequently, there are no decisions to be made by either the Historic Preservation Commission or the City Council. As such, this item is removed from the agenda. No further discussion or comments were made.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at **4:36 p.m.**