



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: 08/02/2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission's Designation of the Bryce Beach Cabana and Funicular as a County Historic Landmark**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Receive and file this Board Agenda Letter.

As explained below, your Board may wish to pull this item from the Administrative Agenda and set a public hearing on September 6, 2011 to take formal action on the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission's (HLAC) designation of the Bryce Beach Cabana and Funicular as a County Historic Landmark.

Background:

Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission's Designation of Cabana and Funicular as County Historic Landmark. On March 10, 2011, Steve Welton, agent for the property owner, Marsupial Properties, LLC, nominated the cabana and funicular located at 1553 Roble Drive, Hope Ranch, Second Supervisorial District (Assessor's Parcel Number 063-160-034) as a County Historic Landmark. The cabana is located on the sandy beach and the funicular is located on the bluff face. An historic report concluded that these structures are significant historic resources. On June 13, 2011, HLAC approved a resolution designating the cabana and funicular as a County Historic Landmark (Resolution No. 2011-1, Bryce Beach Cabana and Funicular).

Consideration by Board of Supervisors. Section 18A-2 of the County Code states “. . . Such designation as a landmark shall remain and be in effect for a period of ninety days only and thereafter shall be of no

force and effect, unless prior to the expiration of such period of ninety days the board of supervisors shall have set a date for a public hearing . . . and either at such public hearing or after such public hearing, and within such ninety-day period shall have confirmed the action of the historic landmarks advisory commission.” Section 18A-5 of the County Code states “At such hearing, the board may approve, modify or disapprove the designation by the commission . . .”

The ninety-day period for Resolution No. 2011-1 ends on September 11, 2011. From a practical standpoint, this means the designation will expire and have no further effect unless your Board conducts a public hearing on September 6, 2011 and confirms the action of HLAC.

Procedure for Forwarding Designations to Board of Supervisors. This Board Agenda Letter differs from our prior Board Agenda Letters for similar matters. In the past, staff would recommend that your Board conduct a public hearing each time HLAC designated a property as a Historic Landmark. From this point forward, staff will continue to inform your Board when HLAC designates a property as a Historic Landmark. However, rather than recommending that your Board conduct a public hearing, our Board Agenda Letters on these items will be written in a manner that allows your Board to determine whether to conduct a public hearing to consider the designation. This new practice is consistent with Sections 18A-2 and 18A-5 of the County Code and Section VI.5 of Bylaws of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, which states “. . . such designation shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration . . .”

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

P&D will charge the applicant for the staff time required to prepare this Board Agenda Letter and, if necessary, present this nomination to your Board at a public hearing. Staff time is budgeted in the Permitting and Compliance Program of the Development Review Division – South on page D-314 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Operating Plan. Staff time to prepare this Board Agenda Letter and complete other related tasks totaled approximately six hours. An additional four to six hours will be required if your Board decides to conduct a public hearing to take formal action on this matter.

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