

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: January 25, 2011

Agenda Date Requested: February 3, 2011
Time Requested: 5 minutes

To: Mayor and Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works - Planning Division

Subject Title: Presentation of the Historic Resources Commission Annual Report for 2010. (HRC-10-002) (Mike Drews/Jennifer Pruitt)

Summary: This item is a review of the HRC Annual report prepared by the Planning Division.

Type of Action Requested:

Resolution

Formal Action/Motion

Ordinance

Other

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement? Yes No

Planning Commission Action: None

Historic Resources Commission Action: Recommended approval on January 13, 2011 by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Recommended Board Action: None

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: Pursuant to the Historic Resources Commission (HRC) Policy and Procedure Manual, the Planning Division shall prepare an annual report for HRC approval. The report is also required to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: CCMC 18.06 (Historic District).

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: 1) Deny

Supporting Material:

- 1) 2010 HRC Annual Report
- 2) HPF Awards 1987-2011 Table
- 3) 2010 Old House Journal article June-July 2010
- 4) Carson City Historic Preservation Awards

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Reviewed By:  Date: 1-24-11
(Planning Division Director)
 Date: 1-25-11
(Public Works Director)
 Date: 1/25/11
(City Manager)
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(District Attorney's Office)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____

(Vote Recorded By)



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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jennifer Pruitt, Planning Division

Date: February 03, 2011

Subject: HRC-10-097
2010 Historic Resources Commission Annual Report

Carson City's Historic Resources Commission (HRC) was established in May 1981. The Commission evolved from a cultural resources inventory that was undertaken to document the remaining historic structures within Carson City. This resource inventory completed in March 1980 also recommended the formation of two historic preservation districts within Carson City.

In May 1982, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) created Carson City's historic district on the City's west side with support from the Nevada Landmarks Society, the Nevada Division of Historic Preservation & Archeology, the Westside Protective Association, and the Carson City Chamber of Commerce. The District's boundaries were recommended by the HRC, formerly known as the Historic Architecture Review Committee.

The HRC seven member (six current members) commission includes building, design and preservation professionals familiar with, and sympathetic to the problems of older buildings and sites. Property owners within the Historic District are also represented on the Commission.

One of the changes implemented in 2009 was the HRC meetings were held on the second Thursday of every other month at 5:30 p.m. at the Carson City Community Center instead of every month as in previous years. The HRC reviewed 15 applications in the year 2010 which is lower than the HRC application average over the past seven years. In addition to the HRC approved applications, 13 projects were approved administratively by the HRC Chairman, Mike Drews. The administrative approvals included seven re-roofing projects, two minor fencing projects and five minor maintenance projects in the Historic District.

Another recent change is the HRC and the Planning Division working together to complete final inspections for major projects in the Historic District. The change has proven to make the final inspection process for the Planning Division more effective.

In 2010 the HRC selected the following recipients to receive the Carson City's 2010 Historic Preservation Award:

- Noreen Humphreys was selected by the Historic Resources Commission for her outstanding efforts in Historic Preservation. Noreen is noted as an author, artist and historian. She was the co-founder of the Carson City Landmarks Society and the Friends of the Library. Noreen was also honored in 1972 as the Woman of the Year by the Carson City Chamber of Commerce. Noreen wrote historical articles for the Nevada Appeal Newspaper and the Las Vegas Sun Newspaper. Noreen's passion and dedication to the Historic Preservation of Carson City has been extraordinary.
- The Edwards House LLC, as owners of the G.J. Edwards House was selected by the Historic Resources Commission for the outstanding efforts of Historic Preservation as it related to the recent renewable energy efforts. Photovoltaic panels were installed in 2008 and the historic integrity of the stylistic stone structure remained intact, which was the first project of this kind in the Carson City Historic District. The one and a half story structure displays elements of both Greek Revival and Gothic Revival design. As noted in the resources inventory, the structure represents one of the City's most interesting and carefully executed architectural designs and reflects the stone building tradition that is so important to the City, which was built in 1883. The property is located at 204 N. Minnesota Street.
- Carter and Peggy Twedt, as owners of the Twedt residence were selected by the Historic Resources Commission for the inspired addition and remodel of the one story vernacular residence with minor Greek Revival style influences. The existing single-family residence was built prior to 1875. The property is located at 612 W. Robinson Street.
- Kilpatrick Johnston & Adler LLC, as owners of the Frank Norcross House was selected by the Historic Resources Commission for the remarkable addition to the two-and-a-half story structure with Craftsman style influences. As noted in the resources inventory, the structure represents an early and relatively uncommon use of cast concrete block in the City, which was built in 1906 by Judge Norcross, and continues to have a long association with individuals in the legal profession. The property is located at 412 N. Division Street.

The annual preservation awards program honors individuals, organizations, or projects that have made important contributions toward preserving Carson City's heritage. This award recognizes excellence in advancing the goals of historic preservation while providing outstanding rehabilitation.

The HRC completed historic structures reports for the Brewery Arts Center and the Performance Hall. The HRC was awarded \$25,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to complete the reports. The HRC completed the work associated with the HPF grant with the assistance of consultants, Dan Pezzoni and Pete Serafin in June of 2010.