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PEARL CHASE SOCIETY DECEMBER SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF INTEREST

PEARL CHASE SOCIETY

Board Meetings are typically held the first Thursday of the month at the MacVeagh House on the grounds of the Natural History Museum. Next meeting: December 1

Preservation Committee Meetings are now held at 4 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at Wood Glen Hall, 3010 Foothill Road. Next meeting: December 22

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City meetings are broadcast live on City TV channel 18 and streamed live at www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Video, where they are also archived and viewable on demand.

City Council Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 2 pm at Council Chambers, City Hall: December 6, 13

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the first, second and third Thursdays of the month at 1 pm at Council Chambers, City Hall: December 1, 8, 15

Historic Landmarks Commission Meetings are held every other Wednesday at 1:30 pm at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street: December 14

Architectural Board of Review Meetings are held Mondays at 3 pm at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street. Full Board meets on December 5, 19

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

County Board of Supervisor Meetings and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on CSBTV20. They are also streamed at www.countyofsb.org/ceo/media02.aspx, where they are also archived and viewable on demand.

County Board of Supervisors Meetings are held on three Tuesdays of the month at 9 am. The first and third meetings are held in Santa Barbara in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 105 East Anapamu St., 4th Floor. The second meeting is (typically) held in Santa Maria at 511 East Lakeside Parkway. December 6 (SB); December 13 (SM)

County Planning Commission Meetings are held three Wednesdays of the month at 9 am. The first and third meetings are held in Santa Barbara at 123 East Anapamu Street, Room 17, and the second meeting is (typically) held in Santa Maria at 511 East Lakeside Parkway. December 7 (SB), December 14 (SM)

County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 10 am at 123 East Anapamu, Room 17 (unless specified otherwise): December 12

Society News and Notes *by Kelly Mahan*

At this month's Pearl Chase Society board meeting, the board continued discussions on a potential Historic Homes Tour for next year. Members of the HHT committee have made two sweeps of the Samarkand neighborhood, looking for potential homes. The potential tour would be a walking tour, with no buses or shuttling. The board members discussed potential homes, as well threw out ideas for homes in other areas.

Board members also talked about the irrigades on Anapamu Street, which were placed in 2014 to help preserve the health of the historic Italian Stone Pine trees along the road. Costing \$14,560, the 56 irrigades have been providing a slow watering system for the trees, which are continually battling the drought and insect infestations.

Prior to the irrigades, City staff was watering the trees by hand, and just less than 100 gallons of water was applied per tree. Watering by hand limits the amount that can be applied at any one time because once the water starts bubbling on the surface the soil cannot accept more water. The irrigades provide 125 gallons over a longer period of time so the water can penetrate slower and further into the soil. The irrigades are filled in three hours, allowing staff to water other street trees and gain 7.5 days worth of watering, according to the City's arborist. Now, several of the irrigades are looking like they might be "sinking," according to board members. The PCS board will further investigate this with City representatives. The next PCS board meeting is December 1.



INSIDE: Kellam de Forest's 90th birthday celebration at Arnoldi's.

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PRESERVATION WATCH

By Kellam de Forest

(Initiated by popular request, Preservation Watch informs Pearl Chase Society members of community projects that may disturb historical structures and features, explains community preservation efforts, and/or lists opportunities for public input for those concerned with a particular issue.)

Average Unit Size Density Program: The HLC's response to the flood of AUD apartment projects is to prepare a series of guidelines to ensure that development complements existing buildings. Compatible designs must respect the existing neighborhood context, character, and adjacent structures. The Historic Resources Element of the General Plan Policy HR2 directs that all development respect historic resources and the overall historic resources of the City. The guidelines state building height be within the range of heights of the surrounding buildings and not overwhelm nearby historic sites.

Hunt-Stambach House, 821 Coronel Street: HLC approved a reconfigured addition with conditions that the proposed porch connecting the historic building to the addition be appropriate Italianate design.

Moody Sisters Cottage, 170 Middle Road: Owners again want the cottage removed. A Ms. Alyssa Remington wants to move the Moody Sisters Cottage to a vacant lot in Los Alamos, 150 Leslie Street in Los Alamos. She is intrigued by its whimsical architecture. HLAC has to approve.

214 East De La Guerra Street: This little one-story house is worthy of protection as a historic site. It was the home of the Ignacio family, who were one of two Chumash families to own property after the American takeover in 1848. Maria Ignacio, who spoke Chumash, provided ethnographers from the Museum of Natural History invaluable information about the Chumash culture and language in the 1920s. Their home was up for demolition to make way for yet another AUD project. Architect, Brian Cearnal appears to be willing to preserve the three bedroom house pending a historic structures report and HLC's approval of a Landmark nomination.

Southern California Edison's transformer upgrade project: SCE proposes six 4-foot wide, 7-foot long, 5-foot high transformer boxes to be placed on highly visible sidewalk areas downtown: (1) 136 East Canon Perdido Street in front of the El Cuartel adobe next to the Post Office. (2) 16 West Carrillo Street next to Saks Off 5th (3) 19 East Anapamu adjacent to the stairway to the parking garage (4) 1259 Anacapa Street near Ca Dario (5) 215 East Figueroa Street in front of the Police Station (6) State Street mid-block between Canon Perdido and De La Guerra on the west side.

Rocky Nook Park: Fran Galt has completed a revised nomination application. The nomination hearing as a County Landmark is scheduled to be on HLAC agenda December 12.

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Honoring Kellam de Forest

by PCS board members

On Saturday, November 12, more than 60 people came out to Arnoldi's to celebrate our longtime supporter, board member, and friend Kellam de Forest as he marked his 90th birthday. The event was also a fundraiser to help support an exhibition at the Smithsonian, which features Kellam's father and famed landscape architect Lockwood de Forest.

"I want to thank all those who attended the birthday party in my honor at Arnoldi's for their good wishes and support. Also, thanks to those who sent me cards, Facebook messages and emails. I am honored to be part of the Pearl Chase Society, which has preserved some of Santa Barbara's historic structures and sites," Kellam said.

Over the years, Kellam has been instrumental in preserving over 70 major Santa Barbara historical sites. Kellam is a founding member of the Pearl Chase Society and has been a key preservationist since its origins in 1998. His efforts to preserve the history and charm of our community are witnessed at every city and county

planning commission meeting as well as a voice to be heard at Historic Landmarks Commissions. His passion to preserve the character and low density of our city exemplifies him as an outstanding model of a true public servant.

"Although calm, measured and insightful in his commentaries, he is dauntless in his determination to protect the city we love from overdevelopment and from insensitivity to historic buildings and neighborhoods. Without people like Kellam we might well be another suburb of Los Angeles," says board member emeritus Sue Adams.

While guests noshed on Arnoldi's appetizers and pasta, they perused old photos of Kellam and discussed his dedication and positive impact to Santa Barbara. The evening culminated with Kellam blowing out the candles on a beautiful 90th birthday cake.

Happy Birthday Kellam! And thank you for everything you do.

Here are some photos from the evening.





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Preservation Watch

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Trussell-Winchester Adobe, 412 West Montecito Street:
Built in 1854 by Captain Horatio Gates Trussell of Orland, Maine, it was partly constructed of material from wreck of the SS Winfield Scott, a sidewheel steamer that transported passengers and cargo between San Francisco and Panama in the early 1850s, during the California Gold Rush. After entering a heavy fog off the coast on the evening of December 1, 1853, the ship crashed into Middle Anacapa Island. All 450 passengers and crew survived, but the ship was lost. It was acquired by the Winchesters in 1882, and bequeathed in 1955 to the Santa Barbara Historical Society by Katherine Bagg Hastings, niece of Miss Sarah Winchester. It served as the Society's offices until 1964 when the Historical Museum on De La Guerra Street was completed. It then became a house museum. It is both a California State Landmark and a City Landmark. A Preservation Watcher reports that it has been closed to the public for some time and is in need of repair.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Maureen Masson

Pearl Chase Society Membership Renewals for October 2016

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Renewals for November 2016

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Note: Membership in the Pearl Chase Society provides the opportunity to be a part of an important organization dedicated to preserving sites of enduring value in and around Santa Barbara.