



AGENDA
Meeting of the
CITY OF COLUSA HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY December 11, 2007, at 9:00 A.M.
425 Webster Street, City Hall (530) 458-4740

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The public may address the Committee on any agenda item during the Committee discussion of that item. When doing so, and when commenting on non-agenda items, we ask that the speaker kindly be recognized by the Committee Chair before speaking and please keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the same item, or if any one person's comments are excessive, a two (2) minute time limit may be imposed on individual speakers.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comments:** The public may address the Committee on any item not posted on the agenda. No action may be taken on items not posted on the agenda, other than to briefly respond, refer to staff, or to direct that an item be placed on a future agenda.
4. **Review of Minutes:** Review draft minutes from November 13th, 2007, HPC meeting.
5. **Welcome Office of Historic Preservation Staff:** Welcome OHP staff attending.
6. **Committee Member Reports:** Reports on HPC-related items from members of the Committee.
7. **304 & 310 5th Street - Critchfield-Symmes Building:** Review design for exterior alterations for addition of elevator.
8. **Goals for 2008:** Set goals for 2008 and annual CLG reporting.
9. **CHRID:** Status update on research.
10. **Update Regarding Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance:** Status update on draft ordinance.
11. **Colusa Historic Buildings Tour Map:** Initiate planning for updated map.
12. **Plaques, Richter Building and Project 10:** Status update on design, materials, and placement.
13. **Objectives for January Meeting:**
 - a. CHRID presentation
 - b. CLG reporting
 - c. Draft Ordinance: review revisions
14. **Adjournment**

Declaration of posting agenda for Heritage Preservation Committee meeting:

I, Cathy Higgins, Planning Secretary, certify that a true copy of the agenda for the regular meeting of the Heritage Preservation Committee was posted at the entrance of the Colusa City Hall, which is visible to the public, not later than December 8, 2007, before 9:00 a.m.

Cathy Higgins, Planning Secretary



City of Colusa Heritage Preservation Committee
STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 7, 2007
MEETING: December 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.
TO: Chairperson Krause and Committee Members
FROM: Markus Lang, Assistant City Planner

Agenda Item #7 304 and 310 5th Street, Critchfield-Symmes, c. 1920
Jerry Payne - owner

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Review the applicant's plans and proposal.
2. Provide advisory comments regarding the proposed design.

Background and Review

The project involves a property included in *If the Walls Could Talk, Carter, 1988, Page 81*. Applicant proposes to alter existing roofline of the building to construct cupola to provide for the addition of an interior elevator to provide access to the second story. Other proposed alterations include reconstruction of stairwell on west elevation and replacement of door to second floor on west elevation.

Agenda Item #8 Set Goals for 2008

REQUESTED ACTION:

1. Review and set goals for 2008.
2. Set tentative deadlines for goals identified.
3. Assign responsibilities as necessary.

Background and Review

The Committee has the opportunity to discuss goals for the upcoming year with staff from the Office of Historic Preservation in attendance at the meeting. A preliminary list of goals includes the following:

- a) CLG reporting;
- b) Establish CHRID system;
- c) Historic Preservation Ordinance;
- d) Tour Historic Colusa pamphlets / map;
- e) Plaque Program.

Agenda Item #9 CHRID program

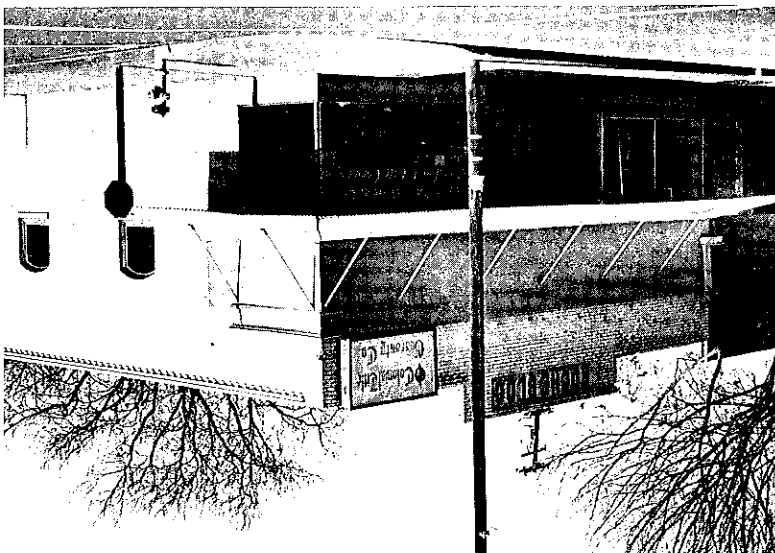
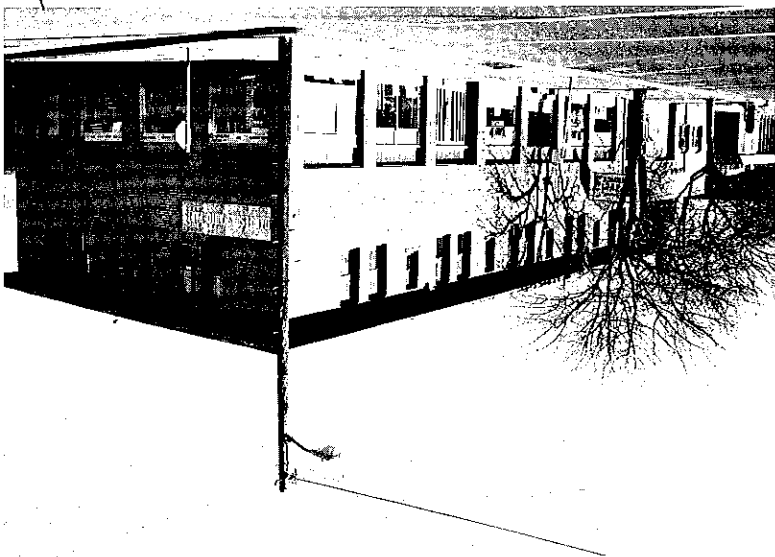
Review status of CHRID research and potential for implementation by the Committee and use by City staff. Consultation with OHP staff in attendance may be helpful. Items for consideration include:

- a) Technical feasibility - does the City have the capabilities and if not, what would it take to obtain it?
- b) Cost to City for setup and maintenance;
- c) Personnel requirements.

Agenda Item #10 Update Regarding Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance

Background and Approach

Staff has consulted with Chairperson Krause in making revisions to the ordinance and in clarifying resource categories. Senior Planning staff is reviewing prior to submittal to OHP and City Attorney. Committee will be provided with copy concurrently with submittal of draft to City Attorney and OHP.



Historical Significance—The Merrill Building, constructed by W.C. Blean, was designed to display and sell the automobile. Merrill lost the building to the Colusa County Development Company, which sold it in 1928 to George K. Littlefield and his partner Eugene A. Boyd. Littlefield opened the Dodge auto dealership, which went bankrupt in 1933. The building was owned by the Colusa County Bank (then in liquidation) when Hermann Jacobson leased it in 1940; a fire had destroyed the Masonic Hall where Jacobson's store had occupied the ground floor. The Jacobson Furniture Store remained at this location until Herbert Jacobson (eldest son) retired in 1975.

Architectural Description—This one-story commercial building with a stucco facade, flat roof and curvilinear parapet reflects the Spanish Colonial Revival influence in the Mission tile bracketed cornice over the entrance on Fifth Street. The parapet contains the legend 1920. Horizontal sixteen-light industrial display windows line the Fifth and Oak Street facades.

CLARENCE R. MERRILL BUILDING

Historical Significance—Orlof N. Critchfield, surveyor and engineer, had worked with the Sacramento Valley irrigation project in Maxwell in 1913. With his partner Charles O. Symmes, he hired Alex Weber to construct this building designed by Edwin Symmes to house the Chandler auto agency and medical offices on the second floor. Dennis Eldridge L. Hicok, Lewis Bishop and Howard Doak were the first tenants. The auto agency later became the Buick and Marquette dealership.

Architectural Description—This two-story flat-roofed building with wide eaves has a horizontal band of display windows separated by brick pilasters that extends the length of Fifth and Jay Streets. Two brick belt-courses define the first and second floors. The second story was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1946.

CRITCHFIELD-SYMMES BUILDING

Historical Significance—James Roche contracted with Sacramento architect Alden W. Campbell and builder W.M. Kennedy to construct this building, where he opened his plumbing and tinsmith shop. The Colusa County Independent Telephone Company occupied the space on the corner for many years, and Neil Cooney located his law offices there after he purchased the building from the Roche heirs in 1955.

Architectural Description—This one-story glazed-brick building with a basement was designed to house two stores. The flat roof line has a parapet on Fifth Street with the legend *Roche Building* and a cornice with brick dentils. The modified storefront has a metal awning suspended over the sidewalk.

JAMES ROCHE BUILDING

245 Fifth Street
Brick Commercial 1910