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Julie Packard – She Holds the Keys to the Aquarium

A Conservationist, Philanthropist, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a recipient of the Audubon Medal and a creator of the legendary Monterey Bay Aquarium, in her capacity as Executive Director of the Aquarium, Julie Packard, will speak to CRA members and guests about the

Marine Sanctuary Foundation and was named a California Coastal Hero by the California Coastal Commission and Sunset Magazine.

Julie Packard is a native Northern Californian. From her early girlhood days she learned to cherish the freedom of the outdoors. She planted vegetable gardens along with her father, David Packard, the co-founder of Hewlett-Packard. As a college student in biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, she was credited with a “wide open, inquisitive mind”.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is arguably one of the great aquariums in the world and is known on the Peninsula as the must-see attraction when visitors and guests

arrive to bask in the beauty of the region.

This from the MBA talk sheet: “The ocean sustains all life on earth. From the air we breathe to the seafood we eat; our very survival depends on healthy seas.

The aquarium’s conservation and science programs are tracking some of the most critical issues affecting ocean health. We bring decades of expertise and relationships in ocean science, policy and markets to the task.”

The CRA welcomes Julie Packard to the Sunset Center’s Carpenter Hall on March 18, 2020. We suggest you arrive early; we believe this will be a well-attended event. ■

The CRA is happy to announce that Kirkor Kocek of Kocek Jeweler will be presented with a “Certificate of Appreciation” at the March 18 program.
Congratulations Kirkor!



PHOTO: COREY ARNOLD

growth and accomplishments and new directions the Aquarium is pursuing to protect the health of our ocean planet.

Ms. Packard received a lifetime achievement award from the National

Monterey Bay Aquarium:

Julie Packard

Wednesday, March 18
5:00 pm

Carpenter Hall
at Sunset Center
Mission St. south of 8th Ave.

Free and open to the public.

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MARCH 3, 2020!



Why, Oh Why, Oh Why Oh...

**...DID YOU EVER LEAVE OHIO?
...OR KANSAS, OR TEXAS, OR
EVEN ANOTHER PLACE USA**

This title of my President's message was inspired by Comden and Green's hit tune "Ohio" from the marvelous Broadway show, "Wonderful Town." So, why, oh why, oh why oh, I ask, did you ever leave your "Ohio" for Carmel-by-the-Sea? I'd like to hear from those of you who have come to make Carmel-by-the-Sea your home—what drew you here, what motivated you to make such a change in your life. I, myself, was raised in Carmel-by-the-Sea, but moved to San Francisco and the Bay Area to marry and raise my two sons. Eventually, the growing traffic and bad air quality of the Bay Area helped me make my decision to return home to my beloved village.

It's always good to hear from CRA members about our efforts to maintain our village character, and why some of you have chosen our town as your home. Recently I heard from David Harris who challenged my President's message decrying my position in support of cottage character versus modern buildings. I don't mind modern, as long as it's not concrete, steel and glass—unbefitting to a charming and picturesque town such as ours. Here's another viewpoint expressed in the following letter from Hatton Fields resident, Janice Ross.

"This is a long overdue note of appreciation and thanks to you and the entire staff of The Voice for the splendid work you do in being the watchdogs and caretakers of our unique village. Many communities talk of having a small-town feel, or of holding values honoring historical preservation and the containment of generic businesses. I always feel a special bond with the local businesses, personalities and events that are reported with such affection and spirit. More than recounting the news, The Voice gives shape to how it feels to care passionately about one's local community and to act to preserve what makes it unique. My thanks to The Voice for the good work you do in being the voice of Carmel."

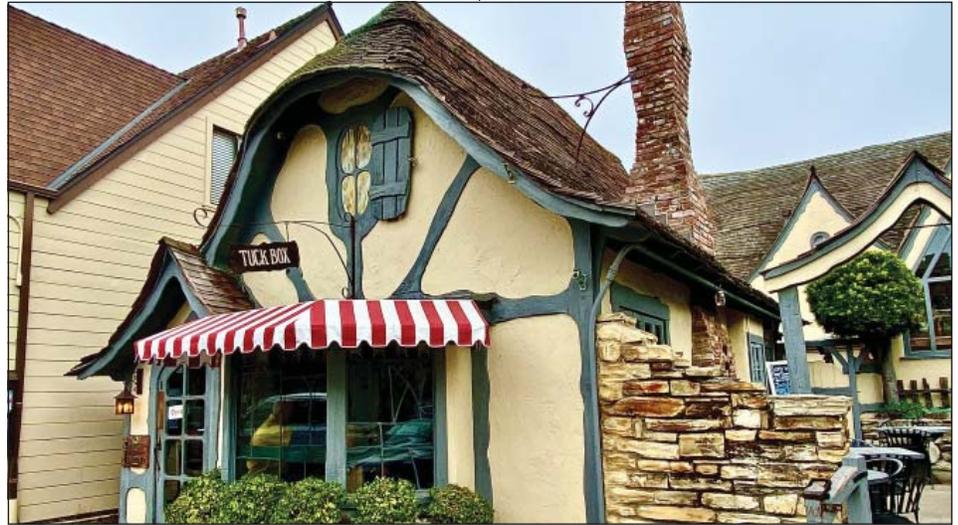
Do you have a story you can share about your move? If so, I'd like to hear from you. A few sentences or a short paragraph would be appreciated. Please reply to my email address, carmellivingston@gmail.com. Comments will be published in the May issue of *The Voice*.

Why, Oh Why, Oh Why
Oh did you ever
leave Ohio to
pitch your tent in
Carmel?

(Apologies to Ohio.) ■



PHOTO: NIC COURY



The Tuck Box

MOVIES—EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

Movies that audiences love to watch today praise the glamour, adventure and fantasy up there on the big screen. They transport us to other times; they inform, tweak our emotions and imaginations, but most of all, they entertain. And they talk.

The same can be said for the movies of a hundred years ago. The only difference is they didn't talk.

"Silents, Before Movies Talked" a new multimedia play by CRA Board member Tom Parks is a look back at the fabulous, glamorous, scandalous, sometimes ridiculous, world of Hollywood when it was nothing more than a small village where a rookie Midwesterner could rent a bungalow for thirty dollars a month.

Boys and girls swamped the new studios, many becoming stars overnight. New mega stages were opening every week, and those stages were filming six and seven pictures every day, two-reelers for the mega theaters being built in every major American city. Seemed as though everybody was a picture fan.

"Silents, Before Movies Talked" is an affectionate look at the movies and the players that made history in the early 20th century. The great movies, the stars and directors, producers, the legendary studios and the tremendous cultural acceptance from the public are all a part of this celebration of the mythic years of the silent screen.

The play opens on March 20 and runs through April 11 at the Cherry Theatre, 4th and Guadalupe, Carmel.

Friday & Saturday nights at 7:30 pm with Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. For tickets call: (831) 717-7373 or go online to ticketguys.com

NOTE: Opening night is sold out.

Carmel Cruising

How much fun is it to just get out and walk around our crazy little Village? I know that many of you know the answer. Last March, I introduced my Carmel Cruising column which compared living in Carmel to living on a cruise ship and, ever since, I'm more convinced than ever that we are the most fortunate people in the world! Where else can you walk to 50 restaurants, over 50 art galleries and 20 wine rooms? Where else can you be at the beach in minutes, watch your dog run in the sand or sit and watch spectacular sunsets on ocean front beaches?

My biggest problem, both here and on a cruise, is running into friends or visitors on my walk-about and getting into conversations about this or that and then having to explain why I'm late to my better half. This past week I discovered some interesting changes in restaurants and had the chance to chat with the owners about the changes. Mediterranean Restaurant quickly transitioned into Catch - Carmel's Fish House and Patisserie Boissiere and Carmel Belle changed hands. Rise & Roam has opened on the corner of Mission and 8th and our friends at The Treehouse have opened Mission Bistro in the former Carmel Bouchee restaurant space. I was sad to see Greg closing at Friar Tucks but am looking forward to trying out the new Le Soufflé. It's like having your cruise ship's dining options reconfigured overnight!

On a cruise, each night you get a newsletter that includes a schedule of what's happening the next day. It's always a challenge to pick what to do from the many choices. Carmel is no different. But, where do you get your newsletter? There are plenty of places that cover certain types of activities, but we haven't found a good way to check out everything.

To solve that problem, the CRA's new VES website (see below) will have a universal calendar for events of interest to our members. It will be easy to filter on common subjects like Civic Meetings and CRA, Carmel Founda-

tion or theater events and many more. Sorry, but while we'll encourage you to get *Out and About*, we won't be picking the best activities for you yet!

While *Out and About*, each of us can recruit new members for the Village Incentive Program (VIP) by talking to our favorite businesses.

It's free to the business and a great way for them to get exposure to our growing membership. A friend of mine and new CRA member Sara Jungroth signed up new VIP members last month while spending over \$1,000 with them in the process! You can print the VIP Business Form from our website and hand it to your favorite merchants.

We'll do the rest! ■



Mission Bistro now open in former Carmel Bouchee space

CRA Village Engagement System

The CRA's new Village Engagement System (VES) website is in the final stages of development and testing and is scheduled for launch in March. We hope it will live up to its name while becoming a go-to site for our community to stay informed about important Carmel information. It will also provide a way to start or renew your membership, maintain your CRA profile, register and pay for CRA events and encourage volunteer activities.

You will be receiving an online notification personalized for you when the VES is launched. It will contain your assigned User Name and instructions on how to log in to select your password and complete your User Profile. It will provide basic functionality to non-members but will provide additional functions over time when you log in as a CRA Member.

VES is a significant but highly cost-effective system being implemented by CRA volunteers with the long-term goal of improving community engagement while adding internal efficiencies for our growing membership. We hope that you will be patient as we learn, make adjustments and add new capabilities. Several CRA members have been trained to be "Customer Support" for those who need personalized instruction. No system is perfect and some things might seem confusing at first, so please reach out to us at CarmelVES@gmail.com if you have any questions.

The One That Got Away...

With a presidential election later this year, today's question is: which U.S. Presidents have visited the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel-by-the-Sea? This is the story of the one that did not come.

In a telegram to Franklin D. Roosevelt on 15 March 1934 encouraging a presidential journey to the Monterey Peninsula that summer, Carmel mayor John Catlin noted that Presidents Harrison,

3436 extending an invitation "...of welcoming (to) the Chief Executive of the nation to our local shores." The Council's action also authorized Teaby to seek appointees of a "representative committee of citizens of the Monterey Peninsula for the purpose of inducing our President to visit us during his proposed summer voyage." Monterey's City Clerk, Clyde Dorsey, dispatched the invitation in a letter to

FDR on 9 March. The Monterey Bay Area League of Municipalities and the Castroville Chamber of Commerce approved their own endorsements during March.

After receiving authorization from the city council the night before, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, 15 March, Mayor John Catlin of Carmel sent a telegram to the President which stated that Carmel "would be more than honored by a visit from you" and "expressing

the heartfelt desire of our whole people..." to have the Chief Executive come to the Peninsula.

Catlin received a responding letter from Marvin McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President, dated 21 March, which read "The President asks me to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your telegram of March fifteenth and through you to express his thanks.... for the cordial invitation to visit the Monterey Peninsula. He appreciates your thoughtfulness and will keep it in mind should there be an opportunity to accept your hospitality."

Pursuant to his Council's direction as contained in Resolution 3436, Monterey Mayor Teaby appointed a planning committee chaired by Allen Griffin,

By Doug Schmitz

publisher of the Monterey Peninsula Herald. Some of the notables on the committee were S. F. B. Morse, Mayor Catlin, Perry Newberry, Mrs. Sidney Fish, Pacific Grove Mayor Sheldon Gilmer, attorney Carmel Martin, and business and labor leaders from the Peninsula and county.



Griffin sent a letter to FDR on behalf of the committee on 13 March and received a response dated 28 March from M.A. (Missy) LeHand, private secretary to the President, stating that plans had not been finalized. News reports in mid-April announced that Roosevelt would commence a western trip on 23 June in Annapolis with stops in the Virgin Islands, San Juan, Puerto Rico, then through the Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean and on to Hawaii.

Local elected leaders and committee members continued to provide enthusiastic reports to the press and to the communities, led by publisher Griffin who convened a committee meeting on 19 April for planning "a renewed campaign to bring the president to Monterey..." The mayors collectively sent a telegram to Roosevelt at the end of April which closed by stating "When you come to the Pacific coast next summer we hope to greet you at Monterey..." Mayor Teaby sent a personal telegram to the White House, receiving a non-committal response from McIntyre on 1 May.

On 14 May, a story in the Herald reported Mrs. Roosevelt might accompany the President to the West Coast. The White House announcement in mid-May that FDR would visit the Pacific Northwest after departing Hawaii did not dampened hopes or quell exuberance but actually provided "good reason to hope that Mr. Roosevelt will accept invitations to visit the Monterey Peninsula this summer."

The truth became known on 12 July when Roosevelt was deep into his journey. "President's Itinerary Does Not Include Monterey Visit" read the Herald's headline. ■



PHOTO: FROM THE FDR LIBRARY, NEW YORK

McKinley and T. Roosevelt had traveled to this area. Why was Catlin petitioning for a presidential sojourn to our homeland?

On 20 January 1934, press reports originating from the White House indicated that FDR was considering a trip to California, Puerto Rico and Hawaii by ship later in the year. William Sorensen, a merchant in New Monterey, conceived the idea to invite FDR to the Peninsula as a stop on the presidential tour. Mayor W.L. Teaby of Monterey began working with the mayors of other cities and the Monterey Bay Area League of Municipalities to initiate a united effort to invite the President.

On 6 March, the Monterey City Council unanimously passed Resolution

His Business Is Show Business

Mention his name and the local theater scene from Pac Rep to the Forest Theater and most locals will know this fellow. This guy is one exuberant, talented artist by the name of Walter De Faria, known to most of us as Walt. We met over coffee for a delightful conversation all about, what else? Show business.

So, here is a man who has seemingly done it all.

■ *Walt, you've spent most of your life in and around the entertainment business, from theater, to movies, to television. Some of those years, twenty or so, have been right here in Carmel. But, where did your career start and where, early on, did you ply your trade?*

Well, it started when I was about seven years old. I used to flip a card table on its side, hang Christmas lights on the frame, turn on the radio and borrow my



Walter DeFaria

sister's dolls to create plays and dramas, I was in business.

As a young guy after the Second World War and Korea I decided I wanted to be on the stage or behind the stage. When I was quite young, I wanted to be a dancer and a singer. The dancer wish never came about, and, guess what, just like all boys, my voice changed, so a career as a singer was over before it began. My very brief career as a stage performer ended. Not to be down-hearted, I moved backstage and there I have been for many years. How many? Well, I've been in Carmel for twenty and I've produced and directed over twenty shows in that time.

■ *What's the Fresno story? You spent some time there.*

I did. It was early television. I was hired by the McClatchy people to open a TV studio. We, just a few of us, were starting from scratch.

What we knew we had to learn on the job. We wrote the scripts, delivered the news, performed in the commercials, manned the cameras, and drove our battered cars anywhere to get a scoop on a local story. Looking back, I don't know how we did it, but what a wonderful introduction to what became one of my most successful jobs.

Then from Fresno it was on to the big time in LA where I began directing commercials. Then back to the Bay Area where I met a young producer who got a break with Charles Schultz. I found

By Tom Parks



myself in the midst of producing the first of the Schultz Charlie Brown specials for television. "Charlie Brown's Christmas" was the first of many in the series. It was a wonderful experience and the shows were big hits.

■ *We all have our favorite stars. Over the years you must have worked with many in the profession, from stage and screen. Is there someone with whom you had a special personal relationship, one that you're especially grateful for?*

Yes, I've been lucky to have worked with many actors, writers and directors. I think my most significant alliance was with the actor/writer, Carl Reiner. He was such a pleasure just to be around, to collaborate with and to learn from. And yet over the years I met and worked with many in the business. In hindsight, almost without exception, working with and for important actors and directors was positive and gratifying. I was just happy to be there.

■ *There's a rumor floating around the Village that you're about to take a final curtain call. Is retirement in your near future? With your energy and talents there must be something on your mind. So, here's a final question: what's next, Walt?*

I'm retired as we speak. But, I guess I'm not retired—yet. The Forest Guild has asked me to do one more gig, and that's "Annie." Lots of kids, lots of moving bodies around stage. And this time I'm going to have a co-director and a choreographer, at last. Look, I've retired about five times so I don't know what will happen. Oh, I'll do something. I always do.

Retirement? For Walt DeFaria? We doubt it. Thanks for spending this time with us. CRA will be looking for your next—whatever. ■

VIP Program Update



The 2020 Village Incentive Program (VIP) has launched and we are pleased to announce new retail and restaurant participants. Make sure you renew with the CRA to receive your 2020 VIP card! New offers include:

- Augustino's: 15% off regularly priced merchandise
- Basil: 10% off your entire check
- Mission Bistro: Chef's Choice Appetizer or free dessert with any entrée purchase
- Wittpenn's Antiques: 10% off

For a complete list of VIP offers go to www.cli.re/vipoffers

"The Future of Carmel" Program

A full house at Carpenter Hall on January 30 enjoyed hearing four panelists answer questions posed by the moderator Tom Parks about the future of our Village. CRA members who missed this opportunity can go online and access the program via video and/or a written review of this successful event. Go to www.cli.re/future.



CRA Program Panelists

Carmel's Farmers' Market Update

Our Farmers' Market is under new management with "Good Roots" operating the market on Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm. They will maintain the location on Sixth Avenue between Junipero and Mission streets and are offering additional local vendors, entertainment, information and a community feedback booth. They will also have a Community Events Board and plan to do gatherings in Devendorf Park monthly.

The market offers "farm to your table" items including vegetables, herbs, fruits, eggs, nuts, honey, jams, flowers, orchids, plants, desserts, breads, pastries, gluten-free offerings, hummus and natural edge furniture.

Each week enter to win a "Market Basket" full of goodies from favorite vendors. Just stop by the table at the East end of the market. Let's do our part to keep our Farmers' Market thriving!

CERT Training

Interested in contributing to the betterment of your town? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is training and educating volunteers in disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area.

Participants will be taught basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and medical necessities.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members will be able to assist their families, their neighbors and in the workplace following an event when professional responders are not available at the scene.

CERT also participates in searches for missing persons; it serves as coastal spotters for persons swept out to sea and other emergencies. Classes are taught in Monterey. Interested individuals may enroll by emailing training@montereycert.org.

Here is another opportunity for residents, CRA members, and the community in general to participate in the life of our Village and the greater Monterey County.

2020 Program Series

January 30
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA—25 YEARS ON
A panel discussion
 Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
 5:00 pm
Free and open to the public.

March 18
MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM:
Julie Packard
 Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
 5:00 pm
Free and open to the public.

May 21
CRA ANNUAL MEETING & PASTA FEED
Guest Speaker Mayor Potter
 Vista Lobos Community Room
 5:00 pm
CRA members only – not open to the public.

September 24
OLD PHOTOS OF CARMEL:
Pat Hathaway
 Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
 5:00 pm
Free and open to the public.

October 1
CARMEL CANDIDATES FORUM
 Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Free and open to the public.

November 19
FLORA WOOD, MADAM OF CANNERY ROW
As told by her great granddaughter
 Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
 5:00 pm
Free and open to the public.

Membership Renewals

CRA membership renewals are coming in nicely as a result of our January appeal. However, many of you have yet to fill out your envelope and return. Please take the time to do that now. When talking with friends be sure to let them know we appreciate membership from everyone—renters as well as property owners. For whatever reason, there is a wide-spread belief that renters are not eligible for CRA membership. This is absolutely not the case! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join our growing organization.

San Carlos Median Open House

Carmel City Staff hosted an open house January 27 to receive comments on the proposed San Carlos medians. Included in the staff's presentation were drawings illustrating how the medians would work. Some participants initially responded with great disdain and objected to any change on San Carlos. Keeping in mind that San Carlos is a residential street deserving of traffic calming and beatification to help relieve excessive speed and traffic, staff laid out compelling reasons on how medians would help mitigate these problems. Included with the staff's presentation was a plan for a bike lane as well. Participants left the meeting with a greater understanding of the project.

Hopefully, the long-overdue San Carlos Street improvements project will gain the support it needs to come to fruition.



One of three median landscaping options

CRA Social Gatherings

We are excited to continue to offer casual get-togethers at local restaurants. On April 14 we will gather at La

Playa's Bud's Bar from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. This casual evening will include a no-host bar and small bites from the bar menu. This is a great opportunity to get out and meet your fellow Carmelites! No reservations are required. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lovers of Carmel Beach Volunteers

We invite all of our CRA members to join us to help keep our beach clean! We meet at 9:30 am at the bottom of Ocean Ave adjacent to the parking lot. We kick-off the 2020 effort on April 18 and continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month through October. Please remember to bring sunscreen and disposable gloves. Feel free to reach out to Daniel Cardenas at (831) 620-2117 if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

- April 18
- May 16
- June 20
- July 18
- August 15
- September 19
- October 17



Daniel Cardenas

CRA Membership Management Update

The CRA's new website, called the CRA Village Engagement System (VES), will provide significant new capabilities and member benefits. When it launches in March at our current web address, all members will receive a personalized email with instructions on how to log-in and update their profile. Any members who have not yet renewed for 2020 will receive an email with instructions on how they can renew online. See Page 3 of this issue of *The Voice* to read more about it.



Memorial Gifts

Mitzi Francis
by Dean Francis

Phyllis Kelley
by Wayne Kelley

Karen Williams Lyon
by Mike Brown

Honorary Gifts

Barbara Livingston
by Tom Parks, Laurie Foster & Michael Livingston



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The Carmel Residents Association is committed to the protection and enrichment of the traditional quality of life in Carmel-by-the-Sea and the preservation of its heritage and natural beauty through education, community activities and advocacy.

The CRA does not sell, trade, lend or in any other way share our members' information with any organization or company.

CHEERS & CHIDES

 **CHEERS** To the second-home-owners who are registered to vote in Monterey County. Here is real evidence of a desire to be a part of our Village.

 **CHEERS** To the Forest and Beach Commission for attaching a significant fine to a homeowner whose contractors illegally severed roots of three trees on her property.

 **CHEERS** To restaurateur Tony Salameh, owner of Anton & Michel, for being awarded Hospitality Professional of the Year. For more info on Tony, see the May/June 2019 issue of *The Voice*, page 5.

 **CHEERS** To the astute panelists including Karyl Hall, Neal Kruse, Mike DeLapa and Stephanie Locke, who participated in the CRA's annual "The Future of our Town" program last month. We had a full house of enlightened Carmel-by-the-Sea citizens as well as Mayor Potter, Council members Richards and Baron, Acting Community Planning and Building Director Marnie Waffle and Assistant Planner Evan Kort.

 **CHEERS** To City staff for holding an open-house discussion on the proposed San Carlos St. improvements/medians/bike lanes. The meeting made it possible for residents to express their opinions and ideas, which staff will incorporate into their report for City commissions and council.

 **CHEERS** To the City Council which voted 4-1 to limit the car week starting in 2021 to the Tuesday and Thursday events, as was formerly the practice.

 **CHIDES** It's still a hole in the ground. No word on the corner of Dolores and Fifth and the natives are getting restless...

 **CHEERS** To Agnes Martelet, Environmental Compliance Manager, for arranging for a yellow community food waste bin at Vista Lobos near the trash enclosure. Yellow bins give the community a way to recycle their food waste without having their own compost pile! Remember to pick up bio-bags - which you can put directly in the yellow bins - at either City Hall, the book shrine outside of the Park Branch Library or at Barbara Livingston's driveway at the NW corner of 13th and San Carlos.

 **CHIDES** To City Council for voting 3-1 to not support the Historic Resource Board's determination that the property on Dolores and 7th is historic.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO

ON MARCH 3RD!