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Still Hope for the Fox: Work Goes on Behind the Scenes

Just because you haven't heard much about the Fox lately, don't think for a moment that nothing is happening with it! Although the exclusive negotiating rights awarded to Doug Chaffee and Paul Berkman have expired, Doug Chaffee continues to be working with City Redevelopment Director, Gary Chalupsky and owner Ed Lewis to put together a complete package to revitalize the blighted complex.

The project, much more complex than originally believed due in part to the

restrictions placed by the Council on the financial component, is not at all the more common "build now, pay later" proposal. Mr. Chaffee's proposal, which has evolved from that originally made to the Council, includes a historically sensitive reconfiguration of the corner property (known as the "Firestone Building" for its former use) which will incorporate such theatre related shopping and dining options as a coffee shop, a bakery and an ice cream parlor. Integrated with the restored Fox

courtyard, the combined space could also handle community events and film premiers. The former Steven Peck dance studio property might contain a national book retailer such as a Border's as there is currently no chain bookseller in the city.

Most exciting are the plans to fully restore the interior to its original, single screen, grandeur-including the balcony! Unique, though not without precedence, is Mr. Chaffee's plan to incorporate a senior housing component with the parking structure adjacent to the Fox complex. This concept has proven very successful in other areas of the state, providing the residents with super close entertainment and employment opportunities.

We all look forward to the day when we can see an art or classic film in our downtown, or walk up from farmers' market for an ice cream. Imagine being able to have dinner at the Old Ship without having to hassle the poor parking downtown! Imagination and commitment to the significance of this structure of both local and national historic significance is at the heart of the proposal that Mr. Chaffee has spent the better part of a year formulating. The members of Project: Fox appreciate his sharing his vision with us and applaud his commitment to a building loved in a way that no other in the city is. We will keep you posted.

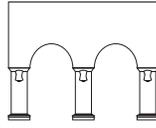
Fullerton's National Register Buildings: 2001 Calendar On Sale Now

Fullerton Heritage year 2001 calendar is now available. The calendar committee has prepared a grand edition of the year 2001 calendar featuring photographs of Fullerton's National Historic Register buildings. Every Fullerton buff will want one of these historic keepsakes. *Members may use the coupon on the back to get a free copy* and order additional copies by using the order form on page 3. Remember these calendars make wonderful Christmas gifts.

You may prefer to buy your calendar in person. They are available at the following locations during their regular business hours:

- Fullerton Museum Center at the corner of Wilshire and Pomona Ave.
- Fullerton Public Library (Launer Local History Room), Main Branch on West Amerige
- Angie's Hallmark, La Mancha Center, adjacent to Ralph's at Harbor & Berkeley
- Farr's Stationers, 130 N Raymond Ave, adjacent to Polly's Pies

-Warren Bowen



Advocacy Issues

Katie Dalton

Hunt Wesson Historic Properties: Following the recent sale of the Hunt Wesson site to Grace Ministries, Fullerton Heritage wrote a letter to them explaining the historic significance of two of the buildings and encouraging cooperation in their preservation. Mr. David Choye of Grace Ministries immediately phoned F.H. president Dalton assuring him that his organization understands and appreciates the landmark status of the buildings and intends to preserve them. We offered our support in that effort and we will continue to monitor the issue.

Whiting Preservation Zone: On March 21, 2000 the City Council approved a down zoning from R3-P to R2-P for the 200-300 blocks of Whiting Avenue. This change was requested by the residents of this preservation zone, with guidance and advocacy support from Fullerton Heritage. The issue grew out of opposition by the neighborhood to a request by an absentee landowner to build two additional large rental units on his property at the corner of Whiting and Highland. Technically, this was allowable because of the R3-P zoning, but the neighbors quickly realized that this type of development was too massive in this largely single-family neighborhood. Fullerton Heritage advised them to seek R2-P zoning classification that would prohibit more than two units on any lot, regardless of the lot size. The process was lengthy and time consuming, but the neighborhood group (led by Bill Hartnell) was diligent and with Fullerton Heritage support prevailed at RDRC, Planning Commission, and ultimately at City Council. Their efforts will now preserve the quiet 1920's streetscape in their neighborhood and represent a fine example of grassroots citizen advocacy at work in Fullerton.

Historic Nenno House (YWCA): The Nenno House at 331 N. Pomona, which served as the YWCA building in recent years was sold to a local Fullerton woman, JoAnn Brannock. She has done a credible restoration of both the exterior and interior with adaptive reuse as professional office space for psychological counseling services. Kudos to new owner JoAnn Brannock for preserving yet another of Fullerton's historic treasures.

Police Station Rehabilitation & Extension: As most of you probably know, the City has purchased and torn down the old Thompson Furniture building on Commonwealth Avenue adjacent to the historic police station (formerly City Hall) with plans to build a new building for expansion of police facilities. From Fullerton Heritage's point of view it is a difficult project because of the need to "coordinate" the design and function of the new space with the wonderful local historic landmark "Commonwealth building" as well as the less than appealing "Highland building" that is also part of the police department. So far we have reviewed concept drawings and attended numerous meetings where the design has moved from completely unacceptable to something we can live with if continued improvements progress. The original historic landmark will be preserved and some elements actually restored and the designs for the new building are improving. City Council approved the "design concept" only at a recent meeting and there is much more advocacy work to follow before we can call this issue a success. If you are interested, follow the local news, call the hotline for updates and we'll try to keep the membership posted.

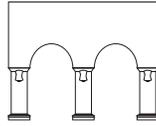
Historic Trees In Preservation Zones: The issue of treatment of "old growth" historic trees has been in the local news lately and is an advocacy issue that we are just getting started with. Our first action will be to add language to the Design Guidelines for Residential Preservation Zones that specifically addresses trees. More on this important issue as it unfolds.

Chapman Park: Local Landmark #1

By Katie Dalton

Now that Fullerton Heritage has placed National Register plaques on all but one of the National Register buildings in the city, we have broadened our focus to include recognition of our many Local Historic Landmarks. A subcommittee of FH has designed our new local landmark plaque and identified a few properties appropriate for early plaquing in what will be a lengthy, ongoing project. Chapman

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President's Corner:

Tom Dalton

We are pleased to welcome two very talented and energetic members to the Fullerton Heritage board of directors. Both Bliss Erlich and Dennis Ritchey have belonged to FH for years and both are active members of Project: Fox. They are replacing two board members whom we will all miss very much; Karen Haluza and Jane Reifer. Thank you both, Karen and Jane for your many contributions to the success of our organization.

As with most volunteer, civic groups there is a core team of members who do most of the work in Fullerton Heritage. As you might expect, the majority of ours are board members. That leaves about 150 members who may want to become more active participants in the preservation of our fair city. Shortly, we will be publishing our goals and objectives for the coming year. If you are interested in donating some of your discretionary time to help us accomplish our objectives please call the FH hotline at 740-3051 or drop me a note at: Fullerton Heritage, P.O. Box 3356, Fullerton, CA 92834-3356. Of course, if you cannot actively participate, we understand and thank you for your continued support through your membership.

Once again I would like to express my deep appreciation to the members of the board of directors whose dedication and diligence have made Fullerton Heritage such a valuable part of our community and my job as president so enjoyable.

Chapman Park

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Park in East Fullerton was the first property to receive local landmark status, so what better place to begin our project? We have been working with the Chapman family and numerous city departments for the past year to develop plans for a fitting tribute to this historic property and pioneer family. What we have designed is a grouping of park benches, landscaping, and adjacent pathways with a monument pedestal in the center with two plaques. One plaque will contain text about the Chapman family, the original ranch and dedicated park. The other will be the new Local Landmark Number 1 plaque.

Chapman Park

Local Landmark Number 1 Dedication Set for Nov. 18

Please join us for a Chapman Park dedication ceremony on **Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m.** Members of the Chapman family, Fullerton Heritage, Fullerton Beautiful and City officials will gather to celebrate the unveiling of the new park benches and plaques honoring this historic place and pioneer family. The park is off of East Commonwealth Ave. one block south on San Carlos. We hope to see you there.

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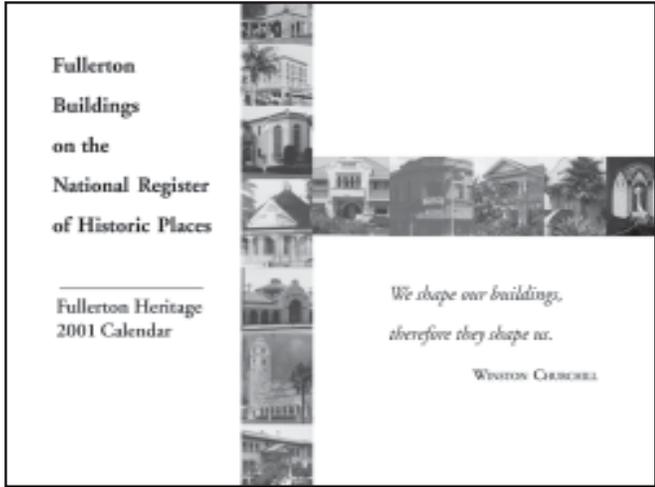
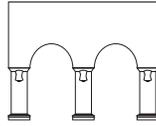
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Good Contractor, Handyman or Supplier? Share Them!

We are working on a Restoration Resources Guide to aid owners of historic properties in their improvement projects. If you have any "tried and true" craftsmen, contractors, supply/hardware resources etc., please send their names, addresses, and phone numbers to Fullerton Heritage, P.O. BOX 3356 Fullerton, CA 92834, or call the Hotline to leave the information at (714) 740-3051.

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