

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 11/16/09

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Presentation of Time Capsule & Historical Plaques

REPORT BY: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Accept the Time Capsule and Historical Plaques from the Albany Historical Society.

BACKGROUND

The Albany Historical Society presented to the City Clerk on October 25, 2009, a Time Capsule to be opened by the City in 50 years (2059). The Historical Society also has purchased four (4) plaques to be put at four (4) historical sites in the curb sections of the sidewalks.

The four (4) locations are:

**#1 Site of Albany's First Official Public Building
Solano east of Cornell in front of the Chinese School**

In 1908 construction of the Albany School began on Main Street, now Solano Avenue. The building was demolished during 1946 – 1947 to make way for the current Cornell School buildings.

**#2 Site of Albany's First Firehouse
Cornell, near school yard**

Albany's first firehouse, complete with bell tower, was constructed near here on Cornell Avenue to protect the new city from fire. The fire house remained here until 1915 when a new station was built at the south east corner of San Pablo and Washington Avenues.

**#3 Site of First City Hall
North side of Solano between San Pablo and Adams**

Albany's first City Hall was located at 1045 Solano Avenue. Built in 1915, the building was used for city government offices, meeting space, and the city library.

**#4 Site of Miller's Barn
San Pablo at Brighton**

Miller's Barn, owned by Chris Miller, was the first school in Ocean View, now known as Albany. Located near here, the barn was also the site of the town's first civic meetings. Mr. Miller, one of three school trustees and the town's first Marshall, refurbished his barn by adding windows and a floor so it could be used as a school, as well as a general meeting place and a dancehall.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to City policy, the City Council must officially accept any gift that is given to the City.

The Time Capsule is going to be kept in the City vault under the supervision of the City Clerk and contains artifacts from the City, the School District, service organizations and other businesses in town.

The four (4) historic plaques are to be installed and maintained by the Public Works Department.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Historical Society paid for the plaques in the amount of \$2,133.78 (\$533 per plaque) and the City is going to install them at the cost of approximately \$2,000, which will come out of capital repair funds.

Attachments:

Gift Forms