

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

Agenda Date: May 21, 2012

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Albany Historical Society

REPORT BY: Penelope Leach, Assistant City Manager/Recreation & Community Services Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the donation of a plaque from the Albany Historical Society, to be installed in the sidewalk on Marin Ave at the Community Center, to recognize the Albany Hospital and the people who worked there, and waive any encroachment fees.

BACKGROUND

The Albany Historical Society has undertaken a program to recognize historical locations in the city with the installation of bronze plaques. To reduce the risk of theft or vandalism, and to protect them from removal in the event of building changes, the plaques are being installed in the sidewalk. This installation requires removing the old concrete and pouring new concrete with the plaque laid in place level with the sidewalk. The City Council has previously accepted the donation of five plaques from the Historical Society.

DISCUSSION

The next plaque the Historical Society wishes to install is to recognize the Albany Hospital which was dedicated on March 25, 1928 as Humboldt Hospital and served countless patients until its closure in 1985. The hospital provided a surgical department, as well as emergency and obstetrical care and general medical services. Originally privately owned, Albany Hospital later became part of Alta Bates. The proposed location of this plaque is the site of the hospital on Marin Ave. at the Community Center.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Historical plaques contribute to the character of the community by providing historical context for residents and visitors. As more plaques are placed, pedestrians can enjoy a walking tour of historical sites in Albany.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Albany Historical Society has purchased the plaque and will pay for the cost of installation, which the City will oversee.

Attachments

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