



Chico Heritage Association,

Spring 2008

CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION--CHA--FOR 26 YEARS A VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF CHICO'S CULTURAL HERITAGE.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 30 2008, 2:00-4:00pm

Butte County Library, Chico
1108 Sherman Ave., at E 1st Ave.

PROPOSED PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Help for owners of old buildings. What kind of help is there if you own an old structure? Come and find out! Guests to field your questions include:

Steve Peterson, Planning Director, City of Chico
Senior Planning & Building Dept. Staff of the City of Chico

Discussion will include the historic building code, the City's proposed "Preservation Package", and the Mills Act. Find out just what programs are out there, and how you [and your building!] may benefit. We hope to have some local people there who have already utilized some of these. There will be plenty of time to ask questions of these local officials.

An update on current CHA activities, a short business meeting with election of Board Members and a proposed dues increase vote will precede the program. Refreshments will follow. Also historical maps will be available for viewing.

WATCH FOR AN EXCITING OFFER OPEN ONLY TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AND/OR BUTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS. A JOINT EVENT COMING IN MAY. GET A CLUE WHAT BY ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING, OR WAIT FOR A SPECIAL FLYER TO BE FORTHCOMING!

Current Board Members

Meeting-First Wednesday of month, 7:00p.m., 635 Flume Street

President, John Gallardo

Vice-President, Randy Taylor

Secretary, Lucy Sperlin

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Mike Magliari

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Chico Heritage Association (CHA) is sincerely thankful for the very generous and continuing support of our members. We need the increased support of the community to be able to continue our preservation work. Our current projects include; continued preservation work on the Old Patrick House on the Midway; advocacy and support of the City's proposed Preservation Program; a program of future events, some of which will be "members only"; and some member discount events.

Our organizational costs are minimal, yet they are ongoing; we do everything possible to keep them down. Our monthly expenses include: office rent and utilities, which are shared with the League of Women Voters and The Snow Goose Festival; telephone (basic service: we don't even have long distance connection); copying; mailing; newsletters; computer charges. All involved are volunteers, we have no paid staff. Our annual memberships and fundraisers are our source of income. Thank you for your investment in yesterday, today, and in tomorrow! See you at our annual meeting!

Also, watch for the re-opening of the historic Stansbury Home, W. 5th and Salem, and it's new "Carriage Barn". They should be ready late in April. A great thing to look forward to!

Remember, once an historic part of our community is gone, it is gone forever.

Rio Chico Update: Fate of Historic Faculty Row Houses Still Uncertain

by Michael Magliari

The Chico Heritage Association is keeping a close and concerned watch on the seven picturesque "Faculty Row" houses that line Rio Chico Way just west of the California State University campus. The fate of these historic homes remains uncertain due to the new Chico State University Master Plan, which calls for their demolition or relocation in order to make way for Chico State's proposed new "Aquatic Center." When the Master Plan was first unveiled in 2005, the Chico Heritage Association submitted a detailed and vigorous protest that was included in the final draft of the plan's Environmental Impact Report.

Unfortunately, when the University subsequently unveiled its latest redevelopment goals for the Rio Chico Way neighborhood in December 2007, its planning maps still showed the entire area obliterated and relabeled "Aquatic Center." Once again, Chico Heritage responded with a detailed protest, and this time attracted the attention of the local press. An excellent article by reporter Robert Speer appeared in the *Chico News and Review* on January 3, 2008, and since then the University appears to have reconsidered its earlier plans. Speer quoted Chico State President Paul Zingg who stated that "the University has no intention whatsoever of razing, moving, or otherwise interfering with that row of seven historic houses."

Zingg's very welcome words are cause for optimism, but they still have not found their way into any official planning documents. Until they do, Chico Heritage Association will continue to monitor this situation closely. The seven "Faculty Row" houses comprise an intact historic streetscape that calls to mind the six beautifully restored Language Houses that line West Third Street between Chestnut and Hazel streets. Like the Language Houses, Chico Heritage hopes to see Faculty Row saved from the University wrecking ball. The homes, which were all built between 1904 and 1921, include the birthplace and childhood residence of former Chico mayor and California State University Trustee Ted Meriam, as well as the homes of former Chico State University presidents Charles Van Liew, Charles Osenbaugh, and Elmer Miller.

If you have never seen Faculty Row, make a point of dropping by this historic neighborhood some sunny afternoon. You will agree that it is worth saving!

CHICO HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are due at the first of the calendar year. Please help us save Chico's heritage by your tax-deductible membership and/or donations. Simply fill out and mail this form to:
Chico Heritage Association, P.O. Box 3517, Chico, CA 95927

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Judge Sandra McLean was misnamed in our last newsletter thank you column , and we apologize for the error.

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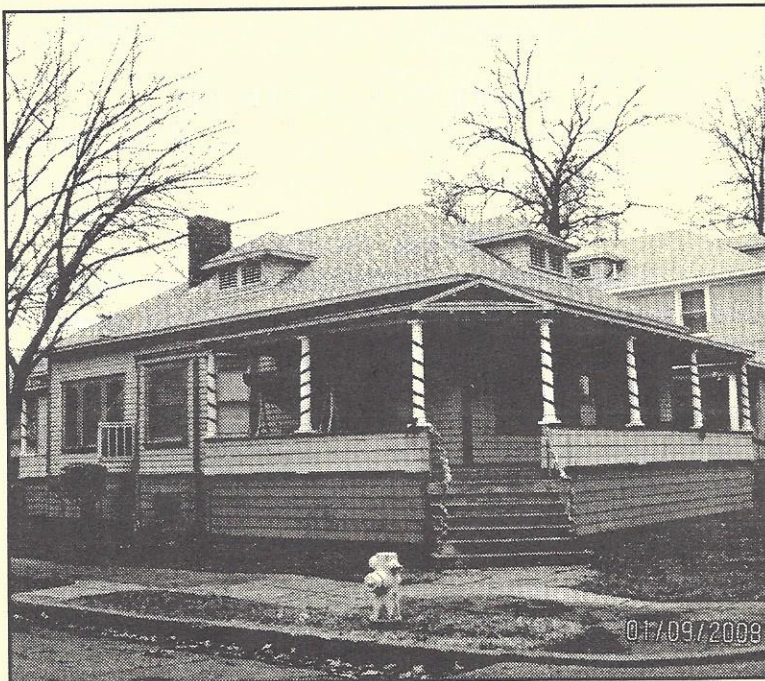
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