Kathleen Cameron July 8, 2020

RE: MHRB # 2016-0018 REQUEST: DENY APPEAL

Dear Supervisors,

As a 2-term MHRB member and 36 year town resident, I believe the Review Board was lenient in granting the applicant's full request to "demolish, reconstruct and/or construct" the historic buildings on his property with the condition that replacement of the main residence will not exceed 50%.

The Board was carrying out its function to preserve and protect the architecture and character of the Town of Mendocino. After all, some of the buildings date back to 1890.

If the historic structures cannot be salvaged to the degree stated in Condition #29 (and the applicant's architect states that they cannot), then this is not an historical preservation project. It is a new construction project.

I urge you to uphold County Counsel's determination that this application is subject to the amended code adopted in 2017.

By adding condition #29 to the Permit, the Review Board was well intended in its mission to preserve the integrity of the Historic District. Furthermore, the Board attempted to address concerns from the public regarding yard setbacks.

Please support MHRB and do not vote to overturn their decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

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