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good evening Mayor Rubin, Council Members and city Staff, I have a Couple of Comments for the record:

1. for a future Agenda, the Council should consider Inviting Stephen Baiter to provide a presentation on how Businesses can come back pre-pandemic.
2. also to consider having Koff & Associates to work with Staff on the Class & Comp Study

Sincerely
Cordell



Subject:



City Council July 6, 2021, item 6A Tamara Miller

Date:

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We thank you, City Engineer and Community Development Director Miller, for the work you have accomplished in Pinole. Though we have sometimes disagreed, Kent and I still remember fondly the time we met, cleaning up Fernandez Park on a Pinole Service Day. We were impressed by your energy and your desire to participate and make Pinole a better place. We wish you the best for your future plans.

Warm regards,
Ann and Kent Moriarty



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Pinole City Council Meeting July 6, 2021
Dear Mayor, Council, Staff and Pinoleans
Agenda Item 9A

It seems as if the council might, yet again, discuss the funding of the Faria house restoration under agenda Item 9A as they consider [Requests For Additional Appropriations In Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2021/22](#)

Although I support bringing the property to code and abating hazardous situations, I would like to point out that the public has already expended funds, approximately (\$100,000) for architectural designs, drawings, sustainability reports and other costs for this property's restoration without any public conversation as to its use other than the creation of the Pinole History Museum.

This statement appears on the Interactive Resources website.

"Interactive Resources was retained by the City of Pinole to design the interior rehabilitation of the Faria House for use as a historical museum to be operated by the Pinole Historical Society. The project includes: the rehabilitation of all interior surfaces appropriate for museum use; new forced air heating system and gas fired fireplace; new lighting and electrical systems; new IT / communications wiring; security and fire protection systems; new ADA accessible toilet rooms; kitchen modifications; and an elevator. The museum is anticipated to open to the public in 2022."

The Pinole History Museum Website states:

"In 2016, the Pinole City Council designated it as a site for the Pinole History Museum."

The city council has contracted with Interactive Resources, a Point Richmond architectural firm, to provide architectural drawings to rehabilitate the Faria House to comply with California building codes."

"We hope to open the museum by 2022."

Those designs, reports and drawings were approved by the previous council(s) and were specific to the use of the Faria House as a History Museum.

That is why it is a widely held belief these two projects are not separate but are one in the same and that the future use of the property is a foregone conclusion.

This was clearly evident in the public comments submitted on June 15.

Skepticism about the separation of the two goals is warranted.

It has now been suggested that the council consider a smaller amount other than the \$1.4 M initially approved and subsequently removed from the budget.

I urge caution. Hold the line at an amount that helps to evaluate the most urgent needs. Has a lead, asbestos, and other hazard materials study been conducted?

Is the City liable for any person who has entered the property without signing a waiver of liability?

Pinole's residents, taxpayers and businesses have paid for these designs and reports but have

never seen or received anything that would address or substantiate the best use of this property, It would be very wise and prudent for this council to hold/limit the consideration of further expenditures until a use has been determined.

The designated use of the property will provide the needed guidelines for renovations that will be required **beyond** the necessary work to bring it to code and abate any hazards.

In that effort Pinole residents, taxpayers and businesses, the folks who pay the taxes and live here, should be the ultimate decision makers for the future use of this project and the associated costs.

Respectfully
Ivette Ricco
Pinole