



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, August 27, 2012
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair MARFATIA called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair MARFATIA, Vice Chair WELSH, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BAKER, BISHOP and LONEY

Absent: Commissioner CHAPMAN

Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the June 25, 2012 regular meeting and July 11, 2012 special Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to approve Meeting Minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

2. 288 First Street – D. Schofield – 12-H-02

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the staff report, recommending that an additional condition be added which requires the original bay window, located within the structure, be retained due to the fact it is an original element of the depot.

The project architect presented to the Commission noting that the ramp and deck improvements were needed to meet ADA requirements and that they could reduce the number of roof vents from two down to one.

The Commission discussed the project, raising concerns about the removal of the freight door, ramp obstructing the bay window facing First Street and the visual impact of the rooftop vents. The Commission expressed support for the proposed restaurant use occupying the space, but noted that they needed to better understand what existing architectural elements were original to the depot structure.

Commissioner BAKER arrived (7:33 pm)

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to approve the proposed project with the following issues being brought back to the Commission before a Historical Alteration Permit is issued:

- Review documents and plans in the Los Altos History Museum archive and determine what changes have been made to the structure. Specifically, are the bay window and freight door that face First Street original elements;
- Provide more specific details about the rooftop venting; and
- Work with the Los Altos History Museum and/or do a color analysis to try and determine what the original colors of the depot were.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

3. 482 University Avenue – Halsey House

Commissioner BISHOP provided an updated, noting that the research about the significance of the caretakers unit was still on-going. Laura Bajuk with the Los Altos History Museum spoke about the property. The Commission discussed the property and noted that additional time was needed to better understand if there was historical significance associated with the caretakers unit.

NO MOTION

4. 2066 Crist Drive

Commissioner WELSH provided an update on the status of the research on the garage. The Commission discussed the property and outlined next steps.

NO MOTION

5. Historic Plaque Program

Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER presented a draft historic plaque program and the Commission discussed the draft program.

NO MOTION

6. New Commissions

Staff Liaison DAHL provided the Commission with an update on the newly formed Planning and Transportation Commission and Design Review Commission, and outlined how it would affect the Historical Commission's review process.

NO MOTION

7. Historic Preservation Award

Staff provided the Commission with an update on the Historic Preservation Award process.

NO MOTION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MARFATIA adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission