



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

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7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, 2012  
Room 2, Hillview Community Center  
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair MARFATIA called the meeting to order at 7:27 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Chair MARFATIA, Vice Chair Welsh, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BAKER, BISHOP, CHAPMAN and LONEY  
Absent: None  
Staff: None

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2066 Crist Drive

Commissioner BISHOP recapped his previous report on his attempted interaction with the current residents of 2066 Crist. In summary, the Commission still needs to investigate whether the current residents are interested in the stewardship of the home or its historical significance. Current title is held in the name of Steve Jobs' adopted sister, Patty.

Chair MARFATIA noted that in order for the home to achieve landmark status, at the state or national level, the application would need consent of the property owner. The Commission discussed ways to reach out to the property owners and bring them onboard.

Chair MARFATIA outlined the steps to complete historic documentation for the property:

- Establish the importance of the person
- Document the event that occurred (i.e. that Apple Computer was launched from that garage)
- Provide evidence that the event or person had an impact on or reflected the culture of the time (converted the computer to a personal level with user friendly interface)

Vice Chair WELSH would be responsible for investigating the materials available in the Stanford archives and other available print documentation. Commissioner BISHOP noted that the early history of Los Altos is primarily 'agricultural' and more currently, the story of Los Altos deals with the 'entrepreneurial.'

NO MOTION

2. Historic Plaque Program

Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER presented the item, noting that she had contacted Tilden Manufacturing in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, a small business that manufactures plaques for the Historical Society in Palo Alto. It is run by a father (Mike Rhodes, Sr.) and son (Mike Rhodes, Jr.) and they have been working with the city of Palo Alto for over 10 years. The plaques are an antique brass with a dark bronze background. There is no minimum order. There is a \$150 consulting fee and they can do the design. The plaques are \$75 - \$100 each and production time is 6 – 8 weeks.

The Commission discussed the idea of adopting a plaque program, noting that the focus should be on the 15 properties with the highest ranking. The Commission expressed support for writing a proposal to the City Council to inquire if the 60-year anniversary committee has available funds to have plaques made for these 15 homes. The Commission noted that action would need to be taken quickly in order to have enough time for the production to be completed by the anniversary celebration in December.

NO MOTION

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair MARFATIA adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM

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Denise Welsh, Vice Chair  
Historical Commissioner