



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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7:00 p.m. Monday, June 25, 2012  
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers  
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair MARFATIA called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner LONEY

Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the April 23, 2012 regular Historical Commission meeting

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR WELSH, to approve Meeting Minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. 482 University Avenue – Halsey House

The Commission discussed the care taker's unit. Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER noted that the unit did not appear to have the necessary historic integrity to get designated and that the focus should be on preserving the Halsey House. Commissioner BISHOP noted that the care taker's unit contributed to the historic setting/context of Redwood Grove and that it could have the necessary historic significance to be designated as a historic resource.

The Commission noted that a clearer history of the care taker's unit and its relationship to the Halsey House was needed before action could be taken.

NO MOTION

3. 2066 Crist Drive

Commissioners BISHOP and WELSH provided a report on the communications with the Steve Jobs movie crew, the History Museum and their upcoming expo on Entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley, and of the Steve Jobs artifacts that are archived at Stanford.

Chair MARFATIA outlined next steps, noting that she will continue work on the DPR form, Commissioner BISHOP will continue to work with movie crew to get photos of recreated garage and Vice Chair WELSH will continue to research Stanford archives.

NO MOTION

4. Historic Plaque Program

Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER presented photos of the historic plaques used by the City of Palo Alto and provided an outline of their historic plaque program.

The Commission discussed the purpose of a plaque program, criteria for design and next steps to getting a program approved for Los Altos. The issue was identified as a good topic of discussion for the joint meeting with the Los Altos History Museum and could be good to coordinate it with the City's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in December.

NO MOTION

5. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Vice Chair WELSH provided a final report of the 2012 essay contest, noting that the essays were posted online with the Town Crier.

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

The Commission requested that a special meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012, after the joint meeting with the Los Altos History Museum Board of Directors with the following items on the agenda:

- Plaque Program – Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER will provide update
- 2066 Crist Drive

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair MARFATIA adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

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Zachary Dahl, AICP

Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission