



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, April 23, 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 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair MARFATIA, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BAKER, BISHOP,
LONEY and WELSH
Absent: Commissioner CHAPMAN
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Recreation Director TUCKER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the March 26, 2012 regular Historical Commission meeting

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHMADJIAN-BAER, to approve Meeting Minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. 482 University Avenue – Halsey House

Recreation Director TUCKER provided a background on the use of the Halsey House, outlined potential programmatic needs and answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed Redwood Grove as a public facility, the condition of the Halsey House, the structure's character defining features and what needed to be protected in order to preserve the historic integrity. The Commission expressed support for preserving the Halsey House, noting that the character defining features included the footprint, court yard and architectural details.

The Commission discussed the caretaker's unit, noting that it did not appear to have much historical significance and had been significantly altered over time. One Commissioner noted that a full report of the history of the unit should be provided before making a final decision.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to continue item to next meeting
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 2066 Crist Drive

The Commission discussed next steps for evaluating the Steve Jobs garage as a historic resource/landmark. Chair MARFATIA appointed Commissioners BISHOP, LONEY and WELSH to an ad-hoc subcommittee to further evaluate the issue and bring a recommendation back to the Commission.

Commissioner WELSH left.

4. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Staff Liaison DAHL provided an update to the Commission, noting that the remaining DPRs were being completed by the Historical Consultant.

5. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner LONEY provided an update on the status of the contest, noting that there as a 35% increase in student submissions this year. The Commission discussed improvements in the process for future years and considered the idea of issuing certificates to winners only.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair MARFATIA requested that the following items be added to a future agenda:

- Historic Preservation Award
- Plaque Program – Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER will provide update
- 2066 Crist Drive
- Joint Meeting with Los Altos History Museum Board of Directors

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MARFATIA adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM

Zachary Dahl, AICP

Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission