



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, April 25, 2011
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair WELSH called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair WELSH, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BISHOP, CHAPMAN and KREISMAN.

Absent: Commissioners BAKER AND LONEY

Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Assistant Planner LACEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the March 28, 2011 Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to approve Meeting Minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 11-H-02 – 170 Formway Court

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the project and answered questions from the Commission.

The applicant noted that the existing French doors would be removed as part of the project.

The Commission raised concerns about introducing a third roof style to the structure, noting that it didn't fit with the historic character of the residence.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to approve the project with the condition that the applicant use a flat roof form that matched the existing structure.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 11-H-03 – 1398 Chelsea Drive

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the project, noting that staff recommended that the design of the front porch be reduced in size and simplified.

The applicant and project architect presented a revised design that simplified the design of the front porch, noting that the project objective was to harmonize the front elevation, but that they would be open to further simplification.

The Commission expressed general support for the proposed garage and variance, but raised concerns about the design and size of the front porch. The Commission expressed support for the revised porch design, but felt that the design should simplify the design elements, such as the columns, in order to be more consistent with the historical character of the house.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to recommend approval of the project with the following condition:

- Provide shop drawings that show a revised front porch design that is more in-keeping with the historical character of the house.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 11-H-04 – 647 N. San Antonio Road (The San Antonio Club)

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the project, outlining the proposed exterior changes to the structure as part of the interior renovation.

The Commission expressed support for the relocation of the ADA ramp and the new exterior light fixture, but raised concerns about the proposed circular vents on the front and rear elevations. The Commission felt that the circular shape of the vent was not in-keeping with the simple design of the front elevation and would change the appearance of the landmark structure.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN, to approve the ADA ramp and exterior light, but to provide alternatives to the proposed circular vent, with the goal of eliminating the openings on the front and rear elevations.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Staff Liaison DAHL provided the Commission with an update the status of the 19 properties that were pending consideration for addition to the Historic Resources Inventory.

NO MOTION

6. Historic Preservation Award

TABLED

7. 2011-2012 Budget

Staff Liaison DAHL provided the Commission with an update the City's budget.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair WELSH adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission