



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair LONEY called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair LONEY, Commissioners BAKER, BISHOP, DREWES, and WELSH.
Absent: Vice-Chair KREISMAN and Commissioner MARFATIA.
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Assistant Planner LACEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the June 28, 2010 Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAKER, to approve Consent Calendar.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 350 Main Street

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission, noting that while note prohibited, acrylic signs were discouraged downtown.

The applicant requested that an acrylic sign be allowed due to the fact that is was a longer lasting material that weathered better.

The Commission expressed general support for the sign design, noting that while wood was a better sign material for the building, acrylic would age better and if done correctly, would be compatible with the historic structure.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to recommend approval of the proposed sign design with the acrylic material.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

3. 290 Cuesta Drive

The applicant presented replacement window designs to the Commission, noting that preserving exact window design in some cases was very challenging and that his preference would be to install simulated divided light windows, not true divided light windows.

The Commission expressed concern about replacing the existing windows with different window designs and non-wood windows, noting that one of the character defining features of the house was the windows. The Commission suggested using wood windows that matched the existing windows or trying to refurbish the existing windows to preserve the historic appearance of the house.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to recommend approval windows 7 and 8 as proposed.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAKER, to recommend approval windows 5 and 6 as proposed provided that they are in-keeping with design of windows 3 and 4.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to recommend denial of windows 3 and 4, as proposed, and recommend that the windows be retained and restored.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to recommend denial of windows 1 and 2, as proposed, and recommend that the windows be retained and restored.
THE MOTION CARRIED 3-2 (LONEY and WELSH opposed).

4. Historical Resource Evaluation Methodology

Staff Liaison DAHL provided an update on the status of the draft historic resource evaluation methodology.

Chair LONEY presented a flow chart to provide an easier understanding of the review process.

The Commission discussed the updated draft and expressed support for including a flow chart in the final document.

NO MOTION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Due to anticipated Commissioner and staff absences for the regularly scheduled meeting on August 23, 2010, the Commission directed staff to investigate rescheduling the Historical Commission meeting to August 30, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LONEY adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission