



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, November 23, 2009
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair BAKER called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of minutes from the October 26, 2009 Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to approve Consent Calendar.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

2. 09-H-11 – M. and C. Krames – 431 University Avenue

Associate Planner DAHL presented the staff report with a recommendation to designate the subject property as a historical landmark.

The Commission expressed strong support for the landmark designation request, noting that the house was well preserved and retained a high degree of historic integrity.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to recommend to the City Council designation of the residence at 431 University Avenue as a historical landmark, subject to the listed findings.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Historical Preservation Ordinance and Rating Methodology

The Commission discussed the draft integrity scale prepared by the historical consultant, noting that it was a good start but that they needed to see a draft of the complete rating system. The Commission also requested that the consultant include samples to illustrate how the new rating system would be applied when a draft rating system was brought before the Commission.

NO MOTION

4. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner LONEY reported that the theme for the essay contest was “My favorite historical place in Los Altos” and that the awards ceremony and ice cream social would be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.

NO MOTION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair BAKER adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission