



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m Monday, August 24, 2009
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

MOTION BY CHAIR KREISMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to continue the July 27, 2009 meeting minutes to the September meeting.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. 547 Castano Corte

Following presentation by Assistant Planner KOO and the applicant, who noted that all window replacements will replicate the existing windows, the Commission expressed general support for the proposed addition.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, to recommend approval of the proposed addition with the condition that staff review and approve the shop drawings.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Historic Preservation Ordinance

Commissioner MARFATIA presented information on Kalman Scale and current State evaluation criteria to the Commission. The presentation noted that current historical evaluation methods do not use numeric rating systems but instead focus on the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the Department of the Interior.

Several Commissioners expressed support for the current numeric based Kalman Scale and noted that there is utility in having an easy to understand historical rating system. It was also noted that the weakness of the Kalman Scale was that when considering an historic resource, the debate came down to differences in numeric scores instead of discussing the actual historical attributes of the

subject property/structure. There was agreement that the current scoring system needed to be improved or replaced in order to move forward.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BAKER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to direct staff to schedule a study session to discussion options for a new or modified historical evaluation/rating system.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Commission discussed the upcoming Community Picnic and if the Commission should do a booth. The consensus was that, based on the low turnout and participation during previous years, the Commission should focus on other more pressing issues and not do a booth this year.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KREISMAN adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission