



SPECIAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MINUTES

6:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2008
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair BAKER called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair BAKER, Vice-Chair MARFATIA, Commissioners DREWES, HAMBLIN,
KREISMAN, LONEY and MCDONALD.
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. Historic Resources Inventory

Historical Consultant Sheila McElroy presented the historical resource evaluations for each property that was included on the list approved by the Historical Commission, noting that they were draft evaluations only at this stage. The Consultant also noted that while many of the properties had a score of less than 50 points on the Kalman Scale, they did receive a California Historic Resource rating of five or better, and that this was due to the shortcomings of the Kalman scoring method. The consultant provided information on the California Historic Resource rating system and noted that a rating of five or better merits being considered as an historic resource.

The Commission discussed the resource evaluations and the issues surrounding using the Kalman Scale to rate historic properties. A majority of Commissioners were concerned that by only using the Kalman Scale scoring system, several potentially historic properties would be left off of the HRI.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to recommend that all properties that received a California Historic Resource rating of five or higher be added to the Historical Resources Inventory.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 6-1 WITH HAMBLIN OPPOSED.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAKER adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission