



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, July 26, 2004, 7:00 p.m.,
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers, City Hall
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul Foerster, Chair; Justin Drewes, Vice Chair; Commissioners - Valorie Cook Carpenter, Fran Durekas, John Hamblin, Ken Girdley, and Lee Schink.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2004 regular meeting made by Commissioner Carpenter, seconded by Vice-Chair Drewes. Approved (4- 3 abstaining; not all were present at that time). Motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2004 regular meeting by Commissioner Girdley; seconded by Commissioner Hamblin. Approved (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Museum Board member/Chair of the Volunteer Development Committee, Ja'Nien Culver was introduced. Dorothy Blake, a Historical Commission applicant was also introduced.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Chairman's Report - Chair Foerster mentioned that these **Mayor's Meetings** (on July 8, 2004) are quarterly. The next one is the second Thursday in October at 8 am. A major topic in July was the new "Trees of Los Altos," book by Ann Coombs.

Meeting Schedule: There will be a quorum for the August and November meetings. Chair Foerster reminded all that the November meeting falls shortly before the annual Joint Study Session with Council. (Usually held the first Tuesday in December, this is a tight one hour meeting due to the Council meeting.).

Commission Discussion and Reports

Neutra Relocation Sub-Committee – Vice-Chair Drewes reported the sub-committee has scheduled their first meeting for Wednesday, July 28, at noon, at Hillview Center.

Possible Re-Evaluations for Historic Resources Inventory (HRI)

1520 Grant Road—The sellers (and current owners) of 1520 Grant Road had asked the Historical Commission for assistance in promoting their home to preservation oriented buyers. The property currently rates 70 on the HRI. This property had or has a tank house or water tower and also has large oak trees that would be protected under the City's native, heritage trees resolution and

ordinance.

726 Campbell Avenue. –A former owner had sent Chair Foerster some materials about the property, its history, etc. She hopes that, although the property ranks 41 on the Kalman scale in the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) that the new owners have purchased it for its architectural charm and will, if they expand or remodel it, do so in a manner compatible with its current style. (In the interim, the new owner has already requested copies of its HRI primary record page.)

Scheduling of an HRI Access Template Work Party at Rec. Staff Offices, 97 Hillview Avenue was tentatively agreed if Larry Kaplan also agrees to that date for a work party. This will be a publicly noticed meeting. The plan is to enter new work on the six properties currently being researched if rated and approved by the Commission at their August meeting. Also, corrections to the existing HRI might be added to the record at the work party.

Current Home Evaluations –All six commissioners had finished part of their work on the properties they were evaluating for possible addition to the Historic Resources Inventory.

Historic Barns Update – Commissioner Carpenter asked for assistance in getting the document prepared by the Homeowners' association in relation to the Deepwell Lane/O'Keeffe barn.

Historical Streets Discussion—Commissioner Girdley and the Commission discussed helping achieve balance between safety, traffic calming, and retaining rural charm issues in relation to Los Altos streets.

Information Booth at Community Picnic—Commissioner Girdley is serving on the City's Picnic-organizing committee. He discussed staffing an information table or sharing one with another group at the Picnic.

HISTORY MUSEUM REPORT/STAFF REPORT

The free outdoor movie nights to compliment the Timeless Weddings' exhibit on August 12 and 19, at approximately 8:00 pm were mentioned.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER MATTERS/NEW BUSINESS

Next Meetings: **7 PM MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2004**, Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers, City Hall (and September 27, 2004).

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted by Madelyn Crawford, Liaison to the Historical Commission (Museum Director), 650-948-9427 x10; e-mail: madelyn.crawford@ci.los-altos.ca.us.; fax: 650-559-0268

