

ACTION MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION, HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003, AT THE REDWOOD ROOM, CITY HALL, 1 N. SAN ANTONIO RD., LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Carpenter, Vice-Chair Hull, Commissioners Dai, Drewes, and Schink

ABSENT: Foerster, Humphries

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. Discussion with Jonathan Baer, owner of 55 Pepper Avenue regarding the costs in time, energy and money of historic preservation and restoration. Baer feels the current permitting process is more designed for new construction or relatively straightforward remodels than for complex restoration projects. He would like to see the City and the Community Development Department consider fast-tracking historical preservation applications or applications from Landmark-designated property owners. Staff commented that the City would probably want the Commission to research what other cities do and might create preservation incentives that are considered best practices as well as reasonable practices in cities. Vice-Chair Hull made a motion that the Chair would send a letter to Community Development Director James Walgren encouraging flexibility in closing permit processes, providing time as needed to complete the restoration.
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THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN

- 1) MOTION to approve a Landmark Resolution and Designation for 965 Berry Avenue (motion made by Commissioner Drewes, seconded by Commissioner Schenk). MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- 2) MOTION to approve a Landmark Resolution and Designation for 220 University Avenue (Motion made by Commissioner Drewes, seconded by Commissioner Schenk). MOTION PASSED (5-0).
- 3) Staff reported that the Becks of 420 Yerba Santa were fairly certain they had a copy of the Landmark Resolution from 1996. They were checking. The Chair recommended that if necessary (a copy not being available at the City nor from the homeowner) that the Historical Commission would reconfirm the Landmark Designation and work with the Council and City to replace the paperwork.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

