



DATE: February 24, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 3

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Historical Commission
FROM: Sierra Davis, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Commission Accomplishments

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the 2013-2014 Historical Commission Accomplishments

BACKGROUND

At the May 14, 2013 joint meeting between the City Council and the Historical Commission, the Commission established the following goals and work plans for 2013-2014:

1. Complete the historic property evaluation (DPR) of the "Steve Jobs House" at 2066 Crist Drive:
 - a. Draft DRP form for review by the Commission
 - b. Conduct public meeting to consider designating property as a Historic Resource and listing on the HRI.
2. Prepare a manual for administering the Annual Margaret Thompson Essay Contest to ensure continuity and consistency for future Commissioners.
3. Administer the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.
4. Evaluate plans for publicity and outreach of the Historic Plaque Program.
5. Administer Historic Preservation Award.
6. Continue to maintain and improve the Historical Commission's community outreach and awareness by collaborating with the Los Altos History Museum and administering the annual Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.
7. Work with the State Office of Historic Preservation to ensure that the City's Certified Local Government requirements are being met.
8. Continue to seek historic education and training opportunities, with a focus on the local community activities and educational opportunities.

9. Continue to foster a partnership with the History Museum in order to best utilize the Museum's resources for projects such as evaluating historic properties for their association with significant individuals and events.

DISCUSSION

Below is a list of the Commission's 2013-2014 accomplishments. This list includes all of the Commission's accomplishments between April 2013 and March 2014. Once the new commission is sat in March, the 2013-2014 goals and work plan will be set.

1. The Commission has held seven regularly scheduled meetings since April 2013.
2. Designated 2066 Crist Drive as a Historic Resource due to its association with Apple Computer Company co-founder Steve Jobs and listed it on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory. On October 28, 2013.
3. Prepared a manual for administering the Annual Margaret Thompson Essay Contest to ensure continuity and consistency for future Commissioners.
4. The Commission administered the 29th annual Margaret Thompson Essay Contest. The essay topic was "Bear in mind: the story of the California Grizzly." Essays were submitted from students from nine schools in Los Altos, with a trophy being awarded to the school with the most award winners. Award checks and certificates were distributed by the Mayor to the students at the ice-cream social sponsored by the Historical Commission on May 14, 2013.
5. The Commission is currently administering the 30th annual Margaret Thompson Essay Contest. The essay topic is "Los Altos Art Works Enrich Our Lives and Community"
6. Implemented the Historic Plaque Program.
7. Awarded the Historical Preservation Award to Marion Grimm at the April 29, 2013 meeting.
8. The Commission reviewed and approved the 2012-2013 Certified Local Government Program Annual Report. Staff submitted the report to the State Office of Historic Preservation on February 3, 2014.
9. Developed a Commission Calendar that identifies reoccurring events, dates and deadlines at the August 26, 2013 meeting.
10. Recommended that 452 University be a Historic Landmark at the April 29, 2013 meeting.
11. Designated 1448 Fowler Lane as a Historic Resource and recommended that the property be designated as a Historic Landmark at the April 29, 2013 meeting.
12. Reviewed one historic project for a remodel and a variance at 10 Yerba Santa at the October 29, 2013 meeting.