



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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Monday, April 28, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers  
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

### ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER, Vice-Chair CHAPMAN and Commissioners BAKER, BISHOP and MABE  
Absent: Commissioners MARFATIA and WELSH  
Staff: Staff Liaison DAVIS and Senior Planner DAHL

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident Gary Hedden spoke about the new exhibit “Peddle Power” at the Los Altos History Museum.

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION by Vice-Chair CHAPMAN, seconded by Commissioner MABE, to approve the March 24, 2014 meeting minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2014 Historic Preservation Award

The commission discussed the nomination of Margaret Thompson for the Historic Preservation Award and expressed support.

MOTION by Vice-Chair CHAPMAN, seconded by Commissioner BAKER, to approve the nomination of Margaret Thompson as the recipient of the 2014 Historic Preservation Award.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 13-H-03 – G. Evard – Yerba Buena Avenue

Consideration of design details for a previously approved alteration and addition to a Historic Resource property

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report and recommended approval of the design details for the previously approved project. The commissioners discussed the project and expressed support. There was no public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner MABE, seconded by Vice-Chair CHAPMAN, to recommend approval of the design details for Historic Application 13-H-03.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 14-H-01 – J. and J. Wasson – 718 Orange Avenue

Consideration of a one-story addition of 75 square feet and an exterior alteration to a Historic Resource.

Staff Liaison DAVIS presented the staff report and recommended approval of Historic Application 14-H-01.

The property owners stated that they are committed to preserving the historical integrity of the structure and are agreeable to differentiating the patterns and materials on the addition. There was no public comment.

The commission discussed the project and expressed general support, noting that the architectural details of the addition should be differentiated from the existing house.

MOTION by Vice-Chair CHAPMAN, seconded by Commissioner BISHOP, to recommend approval Historic Application 14-H-01 with the recommendation that the shingle pattern and window trim be slightly differentiated on the new addition.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 14-H-02 – S. and T. Merrill – 275 Valley Street

Consideration of an exterior alteration to enlarge and relocate a second-story window on a Historic Resource.

Staff Liaison DAVIS presented the staff report and recommended approval of Historic Application 14-H-02. Commissioner BISHOP clarified that the replacement window is from the original house and asked what the exterior plumbing was used for.

The owner stated that they are committed to maintaining the historical integrity of the house and will maintain the exterior while remodeling the bathroom, noting that the existing exterior plumbing is used for waste water and venting. There was no public comment.

The commission discussed the project and expressed general support.

MOTION by Commissioner BISHOP, seconded by Commissioner MABE, to recommend approval of Historic Application 14-H-02.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Historic Plaque Program

The Commission discussed the Historic Plaque Program reception to be held on May 11, 2014 in conjunction with a photography showcase at the Gilbert Smith House hosted by the History Museum.

7. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

The Commission discussed the Ice Cream Social for the Margaret Thompson Essay contest, which will be held on May 13, 2014 with awards presented by the Mayor at the City Council Meeting.

8. Monthly Staff Report

None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner MABE reported on the Centennial Celebration of the Library system, which will be held on October 18, 2014, and discussed how to get involved with the celebration in collaboration with the History Museum and the Los Altos Library.

The regularly scheduled May meeting falls on Memorial Day and has been cancelled.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM

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