



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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, Commissioners BAKER, BISHOP, MABE, MARAFATIA (arrived at 7:10 P.M.) and WELSH

Absent: None

Staff: Staff Liaison GALLEGOS and Senior Planner DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner WELSH, seconded by Commissioner BISHOP, to approve the November 24, 2014 meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 14-H-04 – R. Mowat Associates – 452 University Ave

Consideration of a Historic Alteration Permit for a railing detail on a Historic Landmark Property.

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report.

Owner, Dave Hitz, and applicant, Robert Motaw, presented the project, noting the goal for a new and less ornate railing for the structure. There were no other public comments.

The Commission discussed the item and expressed their general support for the project.

MOTION by Commissioner BISHOP, seconded by Commissioner BAKER, to recommend approval of a Historic Alteration Permit 14-H-04, subject to the listed findings.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 14-H-05 and 15-D-010 – Le Boulanger – 301 Main Street
Historical Review for a new façade and renovation of an existing commercial building (restaurant use) for a historic resource property located at 301 Main Street.

Senior Planner DAHL introduced the project, noting that the project was previously reviewed by the Commission on September 22, 2014. Staff noted that the Commission directed that a smooth refined material be used for the structure, but a more rustic stone is proposed for the building. However, the character defining features of the building is the forms and massing, and the style of stone would not negatively impact the historic significance of the building.

The applicant, Dan Brunello, and the project architect, Charles Kahn, presented the project.

Public comment was received from Kent Nelson, and he expressed support for the project.

The Commission discussed the item and expressed their general support for the architectural details for the project.

MOTION by Commissioner WELSH, seconded by Commissioner MARAFATIA, to recommend approval of the architectural details for the application 14-H-05 and 15-D-010, subject to the listed findings.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 15-H-01 – Chapman Design Associates – 500 University Avenue
Historic Alteration Permit for minor exterior alterations to a historic landmark property at 500 University Avenue.

Assistant Planner GALLEGOS presented the staff report.

Owner, Courtney Copepland, presented the project, noting the kitchen window is intended to be two double hung windows with narrow mullions. There were no other public comments.

The Commission discussed the item and expressed their general support for the project.

The Commission expressed concern that the plans show a triple window in the kitchen, but the applicant indicated the window should be two double hung windows with a narrow mullion at the center.

MOTION by Commissioner BISHOP, seconded by Commissioner WELSH, to recommend approval of the Historic Alteration permit for the application 15-H-01, subject to the listed findings and condition, with a condition to update the kitchen window on the right elevation to show two double hung windows with a narrow mullion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report

The commission reviewed and accepted the survey with no comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner WELSH provided an update on the status of the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.

7. Historic Plaque Program

Staff provided an update on the status of the Historic Plaque Program.

8. 2014 Commission Meeting Schedule

Commissioners discussed the calendar of meetings.

9. Monthly staff report

The Commission received information and announcements from City staff.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Sean K. Gallegos
Assistant Planner