



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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7:00 p.m. Monday, September 24, 2012  
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers  
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair MARFATIA called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Chair MARFATIA, Vice Chair WELSH, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BAKER, BISHOP, CHAPMAN and LONEY

Absent: None

Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Minutes from the August 27, 2012 regular meeting

MOTION by Commissioner BISHOP, seconded by Commissioner CHAPMAN, to approve Meeting Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

2. 288 First Street – D. Schofield – 12-H-02

The project architect presented to the Commission, noting that the interior bay window would be retained, the design was been updated to have only one roof vent, the chainlink fence along Foothill would be replaced with a wrought iron fence and the freight door would be replaced with a window, but the door, which appears original, would be preserved.

Vice Chair WELSH arrived (7:18 pm).

The Commission expressed general support for the revised scope of the project, noting that the freight door should be preserved, preferably onsite, but that they supported the proposed window in the freight door opening.

MOTION by Commissioner LONEY, seconded by Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER, to approve a Historical Alteration Permit for the proposed project with the conditions:

- Preserve the freight door onsite;
- Investigate if the original “Los Altos” sign still exists on the Foothill Expressway elevation. If it does, restore it as part of the project;
- Minimize the height of the proposed patio deck on the north side of the project; and

- Work with the Los Altos History Museum to update the Historic Landmark plaque next to the front door.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 482 University Avenue – Halsey House

Commissioner LONEY provided an updated on the research of families that may have lived on the property. The Commission discussed the caretakers unit, noting that structure may not have physical integrity but still unclear if it has significance due to historical association. Staff noted that the date of construction of the caretakers unit is unknown.

NO MOTION

4. 2066 Crist Drive

Commissioner WELSH reported that documentation linking the garage to the first sales of Apple computers was found in the Stanford archives. The Commission discussed completing the historic property evaluation and moving forward with the Historic Resource designation process.

NO MOTION

5. Historic Plaque Program

Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER presented a draft historic plaque program and the Commission discussed the draft program.

NO MOTION

6. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Vice Chair WELSH provided an update on the preparation of the essay contest manual.

NO MOTION

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner CHAPMAN reported on the September 11, 2012 City Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair MARFATIA adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission