



## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

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7:00 p.m. Monday, October 28, 2013 – 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 BISHOP called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

### **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Present: Chair BISHOP, Vice-Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER, Commissioners BAKER (7:04 pm),  
CHAPMAN, MARFATIA and WELSH  
Absent: Commissioners MABE  
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Assistant Planner DAVIS

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Citizen Gary Hedden spoke about the History Museum Exhibit opening April 10, 2014 about the history of bicycling.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner WELSH, seconded by Vice-Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER, to approve the September 23, 2013 meeting minutes as drafted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. 12-H-04 – 2066 Crist Drive

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the staff report.

Commissioner MARFATIA noted that the historic property evaluation report had been updated to include County Assessor information and comments from Patricia Jobs (Steve Jobs sister).

MOTION by Commissioner MARFATIA, seconded by Commissioner WELSH, to designate the property at 2066 Crist Drive as a Historic Resource due to its association with Apple Computer Company co-founder Steve Jobs and list it on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

3. 13-H-03 – Yerba Buena Avenue

Chair BISHOP recused himself from the item because he lives within 500 feet of the property.

Vice-Chair AHMADJIAN-BAER took over as chair.

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the staff report, recommending that the Commission recommend approval of the project to the Design Review Commission subject to the findings and conditions.

Project architect, Greg Evard and project historian, Leslie Dill presented the project, noting that the project goal was to re-establish the true front of the house with the property's street frontage along Yerba Buena Avenue..

One Resident, Tracy Moison, commented on the project, raising a concern about the structural integrity of the house when moved and reorienting, the overall size of the house with the addition and the intensification of use with the establishment of the second unit in the water tower. There were no other public comments.

The Commission discussed the project, expressing general support for the project, noting that the reorientation of the house to face the street and the preservation of the historic structures was beneficial to the City and improved the historic integrity of the property. One Commissioner raised concerns about the below grade patio with deck above and encroachment of house into the left side daylight plane.

MOTION by Commissioner MARFATIA, seconded by Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER, to recommend approval of the Design Review and Variance applications to the Design Review Commission subject to the listed findings and conditions, with the following additional recommendations:

- All new additions should be compatible yet distinct; and
- Subordinate massing of the addition at the rear of the structure.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Chair BISHOP returned to meeting.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **4. Historic Plaque Program**

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the item, noting that there was no further update. The Commission discussed the rollout of the program and options for commencement for the program. Staff Liaison DAHL noted that staff was working to get bids to manufacture the plaques and would provide an update to update Commission at next meeting.

### **5. Monthly staff report**

Staff Liaison DAHL discussed the dates for the November and December meetings, noting that the December meeting conflicted with the Christmas holiday and would be canceled.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commissioner WELSH provided an update on the Steven's Creek Trail discussion at the previous City Council meeting.

Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER provided information on how to become a member of the Los Altos History Museum.

Commissioner MARFATIA discussed the Commission's Certified Local Government training requirements and presented the idea of conducting a historic training and tour of the Stanford campus to help fulfill the Commission's training requirement.

#### **POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair BISHOP adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission