



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair CHAPMAN called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chair CHAPMAN, Vice-Chair MABE, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, MABE, TRAPNELL AND WELSH

Absent: Commissioner BISHOP

Staff: Staff Liaison GALLEGOS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident, Jonathan Baer, a member of the Planning and Transportation Commission, raised concerns regarding the historic review process.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER, seconded by Commissioner TRAPNELL, to approve the February 23, 2015 meeting minutes with revision for typographical errors and clarify that Commissioner BISHOP seconded the motion for the Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Historic Preservation Award

The commission discussed the nomination of Bob Grimm for the 2015 Historic Preservation Award and expressed support.

Citizen, Laura Bajuk, Executive Director at Los Altos History Museum, spoke and expressed support.

MOTION by Commissioner TRAPNELL, seconded by Commissioner WELSH, to approve the nomination of Bob Grimm as the recipient of the 2015 Historic Preservation Award.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Halsey House Background Report

Staff Liaison GALLEGOS presented the staff report and advised that due to the completion of the previous historical evaluation and DPR, staff recommends no further action be required regarding the Halsey House.

Resident, Val Carpenter, former Mayor and Council member of the City of Los Altos, spoke and provided background information on the Halsey house.

The commission discussed the project, noting the need to review the complete historical evaluation and better understand the public/private process for providing input to the Council.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Historic Plaque Program

The Commission discussed the Historic Plaque Program reception to be held on May 20, 2015 in conjunction with the History Museum.

5. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

The Commission discussed the Ice Cream Social for the Margaret Thompson Essay contest, which will be held on May 12, 2014 with awards presented by the Mayor at the City Council Meeting.

6. Friends of the Historic Redwood Grove

None

7. Monthly staff report

The Commission received information and announcements from City staff.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair CHAPMAN and Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER discussed the Paul Shoup House at 500 University Avenue.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair CHAPMAN adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.