



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 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 7:05 P.M.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chair CHAPMAN, Vice-Chair MABE, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, TRAPNELL and BISHOP

Absent: Commissioners WELSH and HORN

Staff: Staff Liaison GALLEGOS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident, Gary Hedden, a member of the Environmental Commission, noted the Fourth Annual Historic Bicycle Tour will occur on September 26, 2015.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION by Vice-Chair MABE, seconded by Commissioner TRAPNELL, to approve the July 27, 2015 meeting minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 15-H-03 – Los Altos History Museum – 51 South San Antonio Road

Staff Liaison GALLEGOS presented the staff report that noted that the structure appeared eligible for designation as a Historic Resource.

The project applicant, Laura Bajuk, the executive director of the History Museum presented the project, noting the folk-Victorian architecture of the structure is unchanged, except minor modifications. The setting of the historic property may not be original; however, the look and feel of the setting is duplicated with its adjacency to the J. Gilbert Smith house. Due to its high integrity in design, materials, location, feeling and workmanship, the structure is a good candidate for designation as a Historic Resource.

The Commission expressed support for designating the property as a historic landmark as a rare example of a Folk Victorian tank house and as a contributor to the City's early agricultural development context. The commission noted the need to conduct a historic inventory of water towers in the community.

MOTION by Commissioner BISHOP, seconded by Commissioner TRAPNELL, to designate the water tower at 51 South San Antonio Road as a Historic Resource.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Historic Plaque Program

No report

4. Historic Preservation Award

No Report

5. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

No Report

6. Friends of the Historic Redwood Grove

Commissioner TRAPNELL provided an update on the status of the Historic Redwood Grove.

7. Monthly staff report

Staff Liaison GALLEGOS provided follow-up on the Historic Eichler neighborhood, which is tentatively scheduled for November 23, 2015.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Commissioner BISHOP requested calendar of events for upcoming year.

Commissioners noted the need to conduct a historic inventory of water towers in the community.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair CHAPMAN adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Sean K. Gallegos
Staff Liaison