



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, July 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 7:00 P.M.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

Absent: Commissioners BISHOP and HORN

Staff: Senior Planner DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Residents, Nate Johnson and Tracey Gibbons, discussed the idea of a Historic Eichler District in a South Los Altos neighborhood to preserve the architectural integrity of 37 properties.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner WELSH, seconded by Commissioner TRAPNELL, to approve the July 27, 2015 meeting minutes with revisions.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 15-H-02 – G. Whittier – 725 University Avenue

Consideration of alterations for accessory structures and site improvements on a Historic Resource property.

Senior Planner DAHL presented the staff report.

The project landscape architect, Gretchen Whittier, presented the project, noting the goal to update the site with drought-tolerant landscaping.

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

MOTION by Commissioner AHMADJIAN-BAER, seconded by Commissioner WELSH, to recommend approval of a Historic Alteration Permit 15-H-02, subject to the listed findings.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Los Altos History Museum Tank House – Receive an update on the Santa Clara County grant application to fund maintenance and repairs to the historic tank house.

Laura Bajuk, Executive Director, of the Los Altos History Museum, provided information on the grant application to Santa Clara County to fund repairs to the tank house roof.

4. Historic Plaque Program

Chair CHAPMAN provided an update on the implementation of the Historic Plaque Program.

5. Historic Preservation Award

The Commission discussed the Historic Preservation award and options to improve outreach to the public.

6. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner WELSH discussed the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.

7. Friends of the Historic Redwood Grove Meeting

Commissioner TRAPNELL discussed the Historic Redwood Grove meeting.

8. Monthly staff report

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Chair CHAPMAN reported on the Mayor's meeting with Chairpersons of City Commissions.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission requested that the Halsey House be on the on September 28, 2015 agenda and the Historic Eichler District should be on a future agenda when the applicants are ready to present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair CHAPMAN adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.