

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Ahmadjian-Baer, Vice Chair Trapnell, Commissioners Bishop, Chapman, Horn, Mabe and Welsh

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Jon Baer, noted the Historical Commission should address the calculation of property tax reductions on Mills Act properties.

Residents, Katherine Nunes and Robin Chapman, support the installation of the Historic Landmark plaques for the City's apricot orchard, and the addition of the Historic Landmark orchard to the Work Plan Plan.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair

Nominate and elect members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair

No report from staff.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Welsh, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, to nominate Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer as the new Historical Commission Chair, by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bishop, Chapman, Horn, Trapnell and Welsh; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Welsh, seconded by Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer, to nominate Commissioner Trapnell as the new Historical Commission Chair, by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bishop, Chapman, Horn, Trapnell and Welsh; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

2. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Welsh, seconded by Commissioner Mabe, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2016. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bishop, Chapman, Horn, Trapnell and Welsh; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

3. Historic Preservation Award
Consideration of nominations for the 2016 Historic Preservation Award

Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Welsh, seconded by Commissioner Horn, to approve the nomination of Valorie Carpenter as the recipient of the 2016 Historic Preservation Award by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bishop, Chapman, Horn, Trapnell and Welsh; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest
Commissioner Welsh provided an update of the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.
4. Historic Plaque Program
Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer and staff provided an update on the plaque program.
5. Commission Work Plan
Discussion of the 2016-2017 Commission work plan

Staff provided an update on the Commission work plan.

Public Comment

Residents, Katherine Nunes and Robin Chapman, support the addition of the Historic Landmark Orchard to the Work Plan.

Action: Commission discussed and recommended that the work plan goal to “Maintain the City’s Certified Local Government Status” shall evaluate the classification of the city’s apricot orchard on the historic inventory and recommend locations for historic plaques for the apricot orchard.

Commissioners Horn, Bishop and Chapman formed a group to evaluate the status of the Historic Landmark Orchard.

6. Monthly staff report
There was no monthly staff report.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No reports

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ahmadjian-Baer adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Sean K. Gallegos
Staff Liaison