

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Trapnell, Vice-Chair Horn, Commissioners Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman and Lang

ABSENT: Commissioner Bartlett

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Robert Castaneda, spoke in favor of the Fallen Leaf Park historic district for the preservation of Eichler homes.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

Commissioner Chapman commented that Commissioner Bartlett was absent from the meeting and the minutes for Item Nos. 1, 2 and 3 should reflect an absence and not an abstention vote.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the Commission approved the minutes. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Bartlett; ABSTAIN: None

2. 16-H-01 – M. Hodges – 160 W. Portola Avenue

Staff presented the report.

Property owner Mike Hodges and Architect Chip Jessup presented the project, reason for the subdivision and historic nature of the property.

Public Comment

Resident, Randy Kriegen, spoke in opposition to the relocation of the tank house because it will be visible from his property and the use of the tank house as a second living unit.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Horn, the Commission approved the project subject to the listed findings and conditions. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang, and Trapnell NOES: None; ABSENT: Bartlett; ABSTAIN: None

3. 17-H-02 – G. Evard – 25 Maynard Court

Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

Resident, Han Hong, commented on the driveway paving in the easement.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Horn, the Commission approved the project subject to the listed findings and conditions, with Condition No. 2 struck. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang, and Trapnell NOES: None; ABSENT: Bartlett; ABSTAIN: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Historic Plaque Program
Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer provided an update on the presentation of the plaques to the homeowner's event at the History Museum.
5. Historic Preservation Regulations
Commissioner Lang provided an update on behalf of the subcommittee, noting that the regulations should be discussed at the joint meeting with City Council in November.
6. Civic Center Apricot Orchard
Commissioner Horn provided an update regarding the Civic Center Apricot Orchard resolutions for City Council review.

Public Comment

Residents Catherine Nunes, Kathy Lera, and Laurie Lincoln all spoke in favor of preserving the orchard and publicizing the area through signs and events.

7. Monthly Staff Report
There was no monthly staff report.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Chapman requested that the Halsey House be placed on the agenda as a discussion item to continue processing the preservation efforts. Commissioners discussed the previous City Council discussion and actions regarding the preservation of the Halsey House.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trapnell adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Sierra Davis
Staff Liaison