

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 24, 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, Lang and Russell

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident and Public Arts Commissioner, Nancy Ellickson, requested to be scheduled as a future agenda item for a Public Arts Master Plan presentation.

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 Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Horn, to nominate Commissioner Trapnell as the new Historical Commission Chair for an 18-month term, by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang, Russell and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer, seconded by Commissioner Lang, to nominate Commissioner Horn as the new Historical Commission Vice-Chair for an 18-month term, by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang and Russell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

2. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Chapman, the Commission approved the minutes from the regular Historical Commission meeting of February 27, 2017.

AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang, Russell and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None

3. Historic Preservation Award
Consideration of nominations for the 2017 Historic Preservation Award
Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

Resident, Gary Hedden, spoke in support of the nomination of Pinky Whelan, and acknowledged the additional nominations from Jane Reed, Laura Bajuk, Kathy Lera and Don McDonald for Pinky Whelan for the Historic Preservation Award.

Resident, Lori Lincoln, spoke in support of the nomination of Pinky Whelan.

Residents, Laura Clein, Catherine Nunes and Robert Phillips, spoke in support of the nomination of Robin Chapman for the Historic Preservation Award.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Horn, to approve the nomination of Pinky Whelan as the recipient of the 2017 Historic Preservation Award by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Chapman, Horn, Lang, Russell and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

4. Historic Preservation Ordinance
Discussion of potential code amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance

Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

Residents Tom Brown and Gary Hedden spoke in support of potential code amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and encouraged the Commission to modify the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The Commission discussed the potential modifications to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Commissioners established a subcommittee comprised of Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer, Lang and Bai. The subcommittee was tasked to develop code changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The item is to be brought back for a public hearing at which the commission would develop their formal recommendations to the City Council.

5. Civic Center Apricot Orchard
Discussion on preservation and historic plaque placement on the Civic Center Apricot Orchard historic landmark

Vice-Chair Horn presented the report.

Public Comment

Residents, Catherine Nunes, Dafna Brown, Jo Estill, Kathy Lera, Laura Cline, Laura Lincoln and Robin Chapman spoke in support of the preservation of the orchard and the historic

plaque placement in the Civic Center Orchard. They encouraged the Commission to develop a proposal for the orchard.

The Commission discussed the interpretive signage and plaques for the Civic Center Orchard. The Commissioners established a subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Bai, Chapman and Horn. The subcommittee was tasked to develop an implementation plan for installation of interpretative signage and historical plaques in the orchard. The item is to be brought back for a public hearing at which the commission would develop their formal recommendations to the City Council.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Staff provided an update of the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.

7. Historic Plaque Program

Staff provided an update on the implementation of the Historic Plaque Program.

8. Monthly staff report

There was no monthly staff report

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trapnell adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Sean K. Gallegos
Staff Liaison