

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 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 and Lang

ABSENT: Commissioners Bartlett and Chapman

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Kurt Seifert, requested the Historic Preservation code amendment item to be scheduled as a future agenda item.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Commissioner Bai, the Commission approved the minutes from the regular Historical Commission meeting of April 24, 2017 with a revision to reflect Commissioner Bai is not a member of the code amendment subcommittee and the committee members are Commissioners Bartlett, Lang and Russell.

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

2. 960 Berry Avenue

Consider an application for advisory review of exterior modifications to a Historic Resource property

Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

None

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer, to approve the exterior modifications to a Historic Resource property at 960 Berry Avenue by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Horn, Lang, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Bartlett and Chapman

3. 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

Los Altos History Museum Executive Director, Elizabeth Ward, and residents, Laurie Lincoln, Catherine Nunes 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 approve the recommendations for the orchard.

The Commission discussed the interpretive signage and plaques for the Civic Center Orchard. The Commissioners supported recommendation A and B.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Commissioner Lang, the Commission approved a recommendation that the City Council authorize Public Works Department staff to maintain the orchard to ensure that it is beautiful and a point of pride for the City of Los Altos by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Horn, Lang, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Bartlett and Chapman

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Horn, seconded by Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer, the Commission approved a recommendation that the City Council authorize the installation of the City of Los Altos Historic Plaque and interpretive signage for the civic center orchard by a unanimous vote of the Commission. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Horn, Lang, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Bartlett and Chapman

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest
Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer provided an update of the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.
5. Historic Plaque Program
Staff and Commissioner Ahmadjian-Baer provided an update on the implementation of the Historic Plaque Program.
6. 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 7:50p.m.

Sean K. Gallegos
Staff Liaison