

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2019, AT 7:01 P.M. AT LOS
ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Horn and Commissioners Bai (arrived at 7:05 pm) Bartlett, Lang (arrived at 7:05 pm) Moore and Zoufonoun

ABSENT: Lang and Trapnell

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Jane Packard discussed Friends of the Library.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bartlett seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission moved to approve the minutes. AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Zoufonoun NOES: None; ABSENT: Trapnell; ABSTAIN: None.

2. Historic Preservation Award

Consideration of nominations for the 2019 Historic Preservation Award

Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

Resident, Gary Hedden, spoke in support of the nomination of Nan Geschke for the Historic Preservation Award.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Zoufonoun, approve the nomination of Nan Geschke as the recipient of the 2019 Historic Preservation Award. AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Zoufonoun NOES: None; ABSENT: Trapnell; ABSTAIN: None.

3. Civic Center Apricot Orchard

Discussion on preservation and historic plaque program and graphic design proposal for interpretive signage on the Civic Center Apricot Orchard, which is a Historic Landmark

Staff presented the report.

Elisabeth Ward, Executive Director of the Los Altos History Museum provided a presentation and responded to question from the Historical Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Lang, seconded by Commissioner Bai, the Commission approved the Civic Center Apricot Orchard findings consistent with the following recommendations:

- a. Recommend the City fund the cost of final signage approved by the Historical Commission.

- b. Recommend the City install the historical plaques and interpretive signage for the Apricot Orchard.
- c. Recommend the City Council authorize staff from the Department of Public Works to maintain the orchard to ensure that it is beautiful and a point of pride for the City of Los Altos.
- d. Recommend the City allocate \$3,600 from the 2019/2020 budget for graphic design expenditures for three interpretive signs.

AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Zoufonoun NOES: None; ABSENT: Trapnell; ABSTAIN: None.

4. H19-0001– Los Altos History Museum – 51 S. San Antonio Road

Historical Advisory review for alterations and improvements to a tank house, which is a designated Historic Resource

Staff presented the report.

Heather Farquhar, Deputy Director of the Los Altos History Museum provided a presentation and responded to question from the Historical Commission.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Zoufonoun, approved the Historical Review for modifications to a historic resource property subject to the listed findings and conditions in the agenda report. AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Zoufonoun NOES: None; ABSENT: Trapnell; ABSTAIN: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 5. Halsey House Update
Staff provided an update.
- 6. Monthly staff report
No update

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The commission requested the Apricot Orchard signage be maintained as a future agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Horn adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.