

From: [Sean Gallegos](#)
To: [Los Altos Historical Commission](#)
Subject: Fw: comments for historical commission meeting june 29
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020 7:00:14 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-zvest42a.png](#)

Dear Chair Lang and Commissioners,

The below email was received from a resident, Jon Baer regarding the Halsey House.

Thanks,
Sean



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From: Jon Baer [mailto:baerjc@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 9:40 AM
To: 'Donna Legge'
Cc: council@losaltosca.gov; Chris Jordan (cjordan@losaltosca.gov)
Subject: RE: halsey house video

Donna-this video shows a complete failure of the City of Los Altos to properly maintain and protect a designated City Landmark. The City should be ashamed of its continued lack of respect for historical resources within the City and flouting the City's own requirements with regard historic properties. Any effort to stem continued deterioration and vandalism has gone at a snail's pace over the past three years with essentially no money spent by the City.

Instead of giving salary increases in a time of budget constraints, I wish the City Manager and City Council had thought about spending a small amount of money to properly protect this structure, including adding an alarm system. With kids out of school for months and little to keep them busy, how could we NOT expect something like this to happen. The \$200K allocated to maintain Redwood Grove, a man made stand of trees should have been used for the urgently needed care of Halsey House.

Please make sure I am notified of any publicly noticed future meetings that discuss Halsey House.
Thank you