

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M. HELD VIA
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Lang, Vice-Chair Bartlett and Commissioners Bai, Horn, Moore and Trapnell

ABSENT: Commissioner Zoufonoun

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

Consider the meeting minutes from the regular meeting of January 27, 2020

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bartlett seconded by Commissioner Horn, the Commission moved to approve the minutes with a revision that the meeting was adjourned by Chair Lang.

A vote on the motion by Vice-Chair Bartlett passed as follows:

AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Trapnell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Zoufonoun.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion passed: 6-0-0

2. Commission Minutes

Consider the meeting minutes from the regular meeting of April 27, 2020

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trapnell seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission moved to approve the minutes with revisions noting that Commissioner Trapnell abstained from item No. 1 due to living within 500 feet of the subject site, the meeting was held via video/teleconference, and the meeting was adjourned by Chair Lang.

A vote on the motion by Commissioner Trapnell passed as follows:

AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Trapnell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Zoufonoun.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion passed: 6-0-0

3. Halsey House Update

Historical Advisory Review for a second-story addition and exterior modifications to an existing two-story historic resource structure.

Received a presentation from the Historical Commission Staff Liaison / City of Los Altos Associate Planner, Sean Gallegos regarding the status of the Halsey House and consider forwarding a recommendation to City Council. He was assisted in presenting by Aida Fairman, the Engineering Services Manager for the City of Los Altos; and Manny Hernandez the Municipal Services Director.

Owner, Eric Albert made a presentation, and the owner and applicant/architect, Danielle DiVittorio, responded to questions from the Commission.

Public Comment

Resident, Gary Hedden, spoke in support of restoration of the Halsey house.

Resident, Jon Baer raised concerns regarding City's lack of maintenance and restoration of the Halsey House and spoke in support of the Historical Commission supporting restoration of the Halsey House.

Los Altos History Museum Executive Director, Elisabeth Ward discussed grant funding options for restoration of the Halsey House and provided background on the mothballing process for historic structures.

Resident, Marie Backs provided background regarding the Halsey House and spoke in support of the preservation of the Halsey House.

Scott Speilman requested the Historical Commission discuss the historical status of the Halsey House, and the general cost for the restoration options of the Halsey house.

Action: Commissioner Moore moved, and Commission Trapnell seconded that the Historical Commission arrange for a joint meeting of the Historical Commission and Parks and Recreation staff for discussions related to the City Historic Landmark, the Halsey House.

A friendly amendment was made by Chair Lang that the motion shall be "that the Historical Commission arrange for a joint meeting of the Historical Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission for discussions related to the City Historic Landmark, the Halsey House. Commissioner Moore accepted the friendly amendment.

A vote on the final motion by Commissioner Moore passed as follows:

AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Trapnell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Zoufonoun.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion passed: 6-0-0

4. Historic Preservation Award

Consideration of nominations for the 2020 Historic Preservation Award

Staff presented the report.

Public Comment

Resident, Gary Hedden, spoke in support of the nomination of Jane Reed for the Historic Preservation Award.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bai, seconded by Commissioner Trapnell, to approve the nomination of Jane Reed as the recipient of the 2020 Historic Preservation Award

A vote on the motion by Commissioner Trapnell passed as follows:

AYES: Bai, Bartlett, Horn, Lang, Moore and Trapnell.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Zoufonoun.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion passed: 6-0-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest
Staff provided an update on the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.

Public Comment

Los Altos History Museum Executive Director, Elisabeth Ward discussed the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest.

6. Monthly staff report
Staff provided an update.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lang adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Sean K. Gallegos
Staff Liaison