



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, November 28, 2011
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair WELSH called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair WELSH, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BAKER, BISHOP, CHAPMAN, LONEY and MARFATIA.

Absent: None

Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the October 24, 2011 regular Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, to approve Meeting Minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 2066 Crist Drive

The Commission discussed the potential historic significance of the garage at 2066 Crist Drive related to the development of original Apple computers. The Commission recommended that the ad-hoc subcommittee continue to evaluate the history surrounding the garage and draft a DPR evaluation form for Commission consideration and comment at a future meeting.

NO MOTION

3. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Staff Liaison DAHL noted that the draft DPR forms for all existing properties on the HRI had been mailed to property owners for review and comment. The Commission was also provided with copies of all draft DPR forms for review.

NO MOTION

4. Historic Preservation Award

Commissioner BAKER presented draft of proposed Historic Preservation Award. The Commission discussed how it should be presented to Council and debated whether or not the recommendation to Council should include an individual nomination. Several Commissioners noted that Don McDonald would be an excellent recipient of the award given his contributions to Los Altos history.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, to nominate Don McDonald as the first recipient of the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Historic Property Placard Program

Commissioner BAKER presented the historic plaque program discussion, noting that more details, such as plaque specs, materials, etc., were needed in order to move forward with a recommendation. The Commission expressed support for developing a program but noted that standards and criteria needed to be developed.

Chair Welsh appointed an ad-hoc subcommittee (Commissioners CHAPMAN, AHMADJIAN-BAER and BAKER) to research other historic plaque programs and report back to the Commission with recommendations at a future meeting.

NO MOTION

6. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner LONEY reported no new updates.

7. 2012 City Council Meeting Assignments

Commissioners reviewed 2012 meeting assignments.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair WELSH adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM

Zachary Dahl, AICP

Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission