



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, October 24, 2011
The San Antonio Club
647 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The owners of the property at 500 University Avenue presented the Commission with the recent listing of the property, known as the Paul Shoup House, on the National Register of Historic Places

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the September 26, 2011 regular Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHMADJIAN-BAER, to approve Meeting Minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 11-H-05 – 1671 Kensington Avenue

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the reconsideration of a request to remove a property from the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory and find that it is not a Historic Resource due to lack of integrity and historic significance, and recommended approval of the request.

The owner's historical consultant made herself available for questions.

The Commission expressed general support for the request, noting that the evaluation provided the proper evidence to support termination of the Historic Resource Designation and removal of the property from the Historic Resources Inventory.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHMADJIAN-BAER, to remove the property at 1671 Kensington Avenue from the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory and find that it is not a Historic Resource due to lack of integrity and historic significance.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 2066 Crist Drive

Chair WELSH introduced discussion of the potential historic significance the residence at 2066 Crist Drive due to the fact that it was Steve Jobs' childhood residence and the location of where original Apple computers were built. The Commissioner discussed whether or not the family should be notified, whether or not the structure or location should be designated, the process for designation and who should initiate the preparation of the historic property evaluation.

MOTION BY MARFATIA CHAPMAN SECONDED BY BAKER, to approach the Los Altos History Museum regarding research of the history of the residence at 2066 Crist Drive, specifically the garage, in relation to Steve Jobs.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair WELSH appointed an ad-hoc subcommittee, consisting of herself and Commissioners BISHOP and MARFATIA, to further research the historic significance of the property at 2066 Crist Drive.

4. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Staff Liaison DAHL provided an update the Commission on the status of the project, noting that work with the historic consultant was on-going.

5. Historic Preservation Award and Historic Property Placard Program

The Commission discussed options to move forward, with one Commissioner noting that the award and a historic plaque program should be kept separate. The Commission discussed further researching plaque program options and reporting back at a later meeting.

6. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner LONEY provided an update on the essay contest, noting that the essay topic would be decided upon in November.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair WELSH provided an update on City Council actions pertaining to the six properties that appealed the Commission action to designate them as Historic Resources. The Commission directed staff to include the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest, 2066 Crist Drive and the Historic Plaque Program on the November agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair WELSH adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM

Zachary Dahl, AICP

Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission