



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, October 25, 2010
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair LONEY, Vice-Chair KREISMAN Commissioners BAKER, BISHOP, MARFATIA, and WELSH.
Absent: Commissioners DREWES.
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Assistant Planners LACEY and KOO.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the September 27, 2010 Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAKER SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to approve Consent Calendar.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 960 Berry Avenue

Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

The applicant presented the project and answered questions from the Commission. There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and stated their general support for the proposed changes to the house. A majority of the Commission wanted greater detail of the existing conditions of the structure for consideration on future changes to the building.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to recommend approval of the demolition, with the following condition:

- Prepare as-built drawings of existing porch for future reconstruction and historical documentation.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

3. 235 Fremont Avenue

Assistant Planner KOO presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

The applicant presented the project and answered questions from the Commission. There was no public comment.

The Commission discussed the project and stated their general support for the proposed project.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to recommend approval of the addition.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

4. 'A' and 'B' Streets in Loyola Corners

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the staff report, noting that the City Council was seeking input from the Commission on the concept of whether or not 'A' and 'B' Streets in Loyola Corners should be considered for renaming.

A Commissioner noted that in the "History of Los Altos Streets" on the City's website, 'A' Street is not listed, but 'B' Street is listed with a naming date of 1936. Overall, the Commission was open to the idea of renaming the streets, provided that the current street names were not found to be historically significant to Loyola Corners.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to recommend that the City Council investigate the history of those two streets and consider new names if it is historically appropriate.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

5. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the staff report, noting that per the joint meeting with City Council, the Commission should move forward with amendments to the Historical Preservation Ordinance to support the updated historic resource evaluation methodology. He also noted that this discussion was to provide guidance and that a complete draft of the ordinance amendments would be presented at the November meeting.

The Commission discussed ordinance amendments, noting that the demolition and de-listing process should be clarified, that the definition of "Alteration" should be further reviewed and that the Commission should explore incentives for historic properties.

NO MOTION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair LONEY requested that the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest be added to the November agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LONEY adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission