



## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

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7:00 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2010  
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers  
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair KREISMAN, Vice-Chair BAKER, Commissioners BISHOP, DREWES,  
LONEY, MARFATIA and WELSH.  
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes from the February 22, 2010 Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to  
approve Consent Calendar.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. 10-H-01 – Request to remove 1585 Grant Road from the HRI  
Staff Liaison DAHL presented the application to the Commission, noting that staff supported the  
findings made by the historical consultant.

The Owner spoke in support of removing it from the HRI, noting that it was originally rejected as a  
historic resource by the Commission in the 1980s. The Historical Consultant noted that the  
property did not have any historical associations (person or event) and that the method of  
construction was not unique (typical wood frame construction).

The Commission discussed the request, noting that the consultant made a compelling case for  
removing the property from the HRI. The Commission discussed the definition of what a historic  
person or event should be, but noted that the property did not appear to be a historic resource  
under the Kalman Scale or the State criteria.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA,  
to make findings that the property at 1585 Grant Road was not a historic resource and direct staff to  
remove it from the Historic Resources Inventory.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 10-H-02 – Request for direction on window replacement at 290 Cuesta Drive

The owner presented photos of windows in his residence that he planned on replacing and requested guidance from the Commission on what style and materials to use when installing new windows.

The Commission noted that the windows were a defining feature of this residence and that choosing a historically appropriate style of window, especially on the front elevation, was very important. The Commission recommended using wood-clad or wood windows with true divided lights and glass (reflectivity) that matched the existing windows. The Commission noted that the next step should be for the owner to prepare a window replacement plan that identified style, materials and other construction details necessary to maintain the historic integrity of the structure.

NO MOTION

4. Historical Resource Evaluation Methodology Update

Staff Liaison DAHL provided an update on the status of the draft historic resource evaluation methodology, noting that the State Office of Historic Preservation had reviewed the draft and provided a harsh critique. The State Office of Historic Preservation strongly discouraged the “quantitative style ranking system” that was being proposed and encouraged the City to use a qualitative type of evaluation that used a historic context statement as its basis.

The Commission discussed the comments from the State and noted that the City should not pursue a system that was not consistent with State historic preservation practices, but noted that since the City already had a historic resources inventory, developing a context statement would not be useful. The Commission felt that the comments from the State justified removing all numeric based ranking from the historic resources inventory.

The Commission directed staff to revise the draft historic resource evaluation methodology to remove any references to ranking historic resources, to still retain the three step evaluation process, but to model step two after the seven aspects of integrity and the third step after the four aspects of association.

NO MOTION

5. Capitol Improvement Program 2010-2014

Staff Liaison DAHL noted that there were not any projects in the 2010-2014 CIP that pertained to historical resources.

The Commission had no comments on the Capitol Improvement Program.

NO MOTION

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to nominate Commissioner LONEY as Chair.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to  
nominate Commissioner KREISMAN as Vice-Chair.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

None

**DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LONEY adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission