



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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7:00 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2009  
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: Associate Planner DAHL

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### MINUTES

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR BAKER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to approve the September 28, 2009 meeting minutes.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. Historic Preservation Ordinance and Rating Methodology

Vice-Chair BAKER provided a summary from the Historical Commission Study Session, noting that the consultant presented a three step process for rating historic resources: 1) age – is the resource at least 50 years old, 2) integrity – does the resource meet a majority of the seven aspects of integrity, and 3) establish categories of significance. The third step, which outlines the categories of significance that each resource is rated, still needs further Commission consideration.

Staff Liaison DAHL noted that once the Commission agreed on a new rating system, that staff would make recommendations on the necessary amendments to the Historical Preservation Ordinance in order to incorporate the new rating system into the Municipal Code.

The Commission expressed their support for moving forward with a three step rating system that did not use numerical tallying to rate historic resources. The Commission also requested that staff provide a presentation that showed how the rating system would be applied to a property by providing examples.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to recommend that staff develop a historic rating system that does not use numeric values to establish priority or hierarchy.  
THE MOTION APPROVED 6-1 (LONEY OPPOSED)

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Chair KREISMAN reported that he will discuss the historic rating system update at the next meeting with the Mayor.

Commissioner LONEY reported that it is time to start planning for the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest and asked for volunteers.

### **DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner LONEY requested that the Margaret Thompson Essay Contest be added to the next agenda as a discussion item.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair KREISMAN adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission