



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

06/04/2026

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council
Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Leung called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioner Inciarte arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Present 7 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte, Chair Patricia Leung, Commissioner Kathleen Romano, Vice Chair Ed Stocks, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith , and Commissioner Kaushal Varshney

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [26-616](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve staff recommendation. Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney abstained because they were absent from the May, 7, 2026, Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, and Commissioner Romano

Abstained: 3 - Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

1.B [26-572](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Workplan Fiscal Year 2026/2027

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-516](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) (File No. PLN26-00042) for 1261 Jackson Street

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission determine the project to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Section 15331 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 31 - Historical Resource Restoration / Rehabilitation) and find that the Mills Act Application and associated 10-Year Plan for restoration and maintenance accomplishes the intent of preserving and maintaining the historical significance of the property; and therefore, recommends City Council approval of a Mills Act Contract, and the adoption of a 10-Year Restoration and Maintenance Plan associated with the Historical Preservation Agreement for the property located at 1261 Jackson Street.

Assistant Planner Summer Foss provided the staff presentation.

Xi Yang (Applicant) spoke about the project.

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to close the public hearing.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

A motion was made by Commissioner Varshney, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve staff recommendation and the expenditure of funds to purchase a bronze plaque stating the year of construction circa 1898.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

3. [26-593](#) Public Hearing: Recommendation on the Architectural Review (PLN24-00521) for Demolition of the Existing 1,198 Square Foot One-Story Residence and the Construction of a New 3,817 Square Foot Two-Story Residence at 4435 Fillmore Street Located Within 200 Feet of Two Historic Resource Inventory Properties. CEQA Status: Exempt from CEQA per Section 15332 - In-Fill Development Projects. (Continued from May 7, 2026, Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting).

Recommendation: Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 4435 Fillmore Street will not destroy or have significant adverse effect on the integrity of the HRI listed properties within 200 feet of the subject property; that the proposed construction is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and recommend approval of the Architectural Review at the Development Review Hearing.

Associate Planner Meha Patel provided the staff presentation.

GM Solaiman (Applicant) and **Daniel Warren (Applicant's Representative)** spoke about the project.

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Varshney, to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Vice Chair Stocks, and Commissioner Varshney

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Inciarte, and Commissioner Romano

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

4. [26-454](#) Election of Historical and Landmarks Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

Vice Chair Stocks nominated **Chair Leung** for Chair. **Chair Leung** accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Celso nominated **Vice Chair Stocks** for Vice Chair. **Vice Chair Stocks** accepted the nomination.

Chair Leung made a motion to approve Chair Leung as Chair, and Vice Chair Stocks as Vice Chair.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

STAFF REPORT

Staff provided an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Historic Preservation Ordinance Update.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No updates on this item.

[26-688](#)

Vice Chair Stocks' Presentations

Subcommittee Reporting - 20 Minutes

No updates on this item.

Board/Committee**Lead/Alternate**

Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium
Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
Old Quad Residents Association
Development Review Hearing
BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee
El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee
Downtown Precise Plan
Santa Clara Station Area Task Force

Vargas-Smith / Romano
Vargas-Smith / Leung
Leung
Romano /Vargas-Smith
Vargas-Smith/ Leung
Leung
Vargas-Smith/Stocks
Leung/Stocks

Commissioners provided updates on various items, meetings, and groups that they are assigned to.

Vice Chair Stocks provided a presentation regarding his attendance at the recent California Preservation Foundation Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Celso, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

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