



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Historical & Landmarks Commission

12/07/2023

6:00 PM

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

#### **REVISED AGENDA - additional attachments have been added to RTC 23-1252**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**Chair Vargas-Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Present** 6 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Amy Kirby, Commissioner Patricia Leung, Vice Chair Kathleen Romano, Commissioner Ed Stocks, and Chair Ana Vargas-Smith

**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Leung, to excuse Commissioner Inciarte.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to approve the Consent Calendar with a note to update the minutes to reflect the correct Chair and Commissioner titles in several places.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

**1.A**     [23-1323](#)     Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of October 5, 2023

**Recommendation:** Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of October 5, 2023.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [23-1347](#) Consideration of a Significant Property Alteration Permit for a 1,207 Square Foot Addition to a Historic Residence and a Variance to Eliminate the Requirement for a Two-Car Garage at 1277 Jackson Street

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommend approval of the Significant Property Alteration (SPA) Permit to the Planning Commission for the proposed alterations to the main historic resource.

Staff recommends the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommend approval of the Variance to eliminate the requirement for a two-car garage with the addition of 1,207 square feet to the existing residence.

Public Speakers:

**Brandon Spencer**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to recommend approval of the Significant Property Alteration Permit to the Planning Commission with the following updates:**

- **Correct the plans to address the discrepancy between the 8' vs. 9, basement ceiling height, while not modifying the basement windows (do not change their height)**
- **Modify the proposed kitchen window to a single pane awning style**
- **For all new windows, try to match the existing wood windows to the extent feasible**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to recommend approval of the Variance to the Planning Commission.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

3. [23-1348](#) Consideration of a Significant Property Alteration Permit for a 556 Square-Foot Addition to the Basement and a 590 square foot First Floor Addition to a Mills Act Residence and a Variance for the Construction of a New Nonconforming Garage at 324 Madison Street

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommend approval of the Significant Property Alteration (SPA) Permit to the Planning Commission for the proposed addition to the historic resource, subject to the procedures outlined in the Preservation Treatment Plan attached to the Development Plans.

Staff recommends the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommend the redesign of the proposed garage to the Planning Commission prior to approving the Variance to reduce the size of the garage to 600 square feet and to reduce the height of the garage to 16 feet.

Public Speakers:

**Tommy Tran**

**Rob Mayer**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Kirby, to recommend approval of the Significant Property Alteration Permit to the Planning Commission with the following recommendations:**

- Retain the existing chimney
- Differentiate the stucco on the new addition

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to recommend approval of the Variance to the Planning Commission.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

- 4. [23-1252](#) Consideration of an Environmental Impact Report for the Demolition of a Potentially Significant Structure to Construct a Residential Development with 22 Detached Single-Family Dwellings at 1957 Pruneridge Avenue

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission recommend that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed demolition and new residential development with 22 detached single-family dwellings at 1957 Pruneridge Avenue.

Public Speakers:

**Cory Kusich**  
**Richard**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to recommend certification of the EIR to the Planning Commission and City Council with the following recommendations:**

- **Developer to create a memorial to the church (using the Architect William Mays' name) utilizing materials from the church in the memorial if the church is not relocated**
- **Return to the HLC to present the memorial design**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Nay:** 1 - Vice Chair Romano

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

- 5. [23-1324](#) Action on HLC Board and Committee Assignments

**Recommendation:** There is no staff recommendation.

The Board and Committee assignments were updated as follows:

<b>Board/Committee</b>	<b>Lead/Alternate</b>
Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium:	<b>Vargas-Smith / Romano</b>
Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara:	<b>Vargas-Smith / Leung</b>
Old Quad Residents Association:	<b>Leung</b>
Development Review Hearing:	<b>Romano / Vargas-Smith</b>
BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee:	<b>Vargas-Smith / Leung</b>
El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee:	<b>Leung</b>
Downtown Precise Plan:	<b>Vargas-Smith / Stocks</b>
Santa Clara Station Area Task Force:	<b>Leung / Stocks</b>

**STAFF REPORT**

- 1. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance
- 2. Training and Travel Request
- 3. Streetlight Banners for Historic Preservation Month

**Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos** gave a verbal report of the price quotes for the banner design, fabrication, and installation/removal.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to establish a Banner Subcommittee with Chair Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Kirby.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

- 1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

- 2. Board/Committee

Lead/Alternate

Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium	Leung / Romano
Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara	Vargas-Smith / Leung
Old Quad Residents Association	Leung / Romano
Development Review Hearing	Romano /Vargas-Smith
BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee	Vargas-Smith/ Vacant
Zoning Ordinance Update	Romano / Vacant
El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee	Leung
Downtown Precise Plan	Vargas

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Romano to adjourn the meeting.**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Chair Vargas-Smith

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

The next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2024

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