



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

03/04/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Celso joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m. **Commissioner Estes** joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Commissioner Celso informed the Commission that he would need to leave the meeting at 8 p.m. due to being a disaster service worker.

Present 7 - Chair Patricia Leung, Vice Chair Stephen Estes, Commissioner J.L. "Spike" Standifer, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Michael Celso, Commissioner Megan Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Kathleen Romano

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-319](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of February 4, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of February 4, 2021.

Commissioner Celso and **Commissioner Swartzwelder** abstained from voting due to their absence at the February 4, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 5 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Romano

Abstained: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Swartzwelder

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-318](#) Study Session: Ralph M. Brown Act

Assistant City Attorney Alexander Abbe provided a PowerPoint presentation. The Commission asked clarifying questions regarding the difference between ad hoc and standing subcommittee meetings and social media interactions.

3. [21-264](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of an Architectural Review of a proposed addition at a property located at 1772 Main Street that is within 200 feet of a Historic Resource

Recommendation: Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed project located at 1772 Main Street does not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the designated property across the street; that the alterations are compatible with the existing structure and its setting in the Old Quad neighborhood, and recommend approval at the Development Review Hearing subject to the conditions of approval.

Associate Planner Nimisha Agrawal provided the staff presentation.

Applicant Azadeh Masrour provided an overview of the proposal and stated the intended use of the ADU.

Historical and Landmarks Commission Architectural Advisor Craig Mineweaser shared a letter with his comments. **Applicant Guillermo Segura** shared his concerns. **Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos** explained that the property was potentially historic.

Public Speaker(s): Bud Meacham
Bev Hromec

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to close public hearing.

Aye: 7 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

The Commission discussed the proposed design and directed staff to work with the applicants and **Historical and Landmarks Commission Architectural Advisor Craig Mineweaser** to update the design, including detaching the garage and repositioning it at the rear of the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Standifer to continue Item 3 to the April 1, 2021 meeting.

Aye: 6 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Celso

4. [21-320](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a request for a plaque for the property at 1415 Benton Street

Recommendation: Approve a modified bronze plaque circa 1895 for the property located at 1415 Benton Street, and allocate funds to cover the cost of the plaque in the amount of approximately \$200.00.

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos presented the homeowners' request for a plaque and stated that the applicant had shared in advance that they would not be able to attend.

Public Speaker(s): **Bev Hromec**

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano to close public hearing.

Aye: 6 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Celso

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 6 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Celso

STAFF REPORT

1. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos updated the Commission that the property assessment report is still being worked on.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

Commissioners present reported on subcommittee activities.

2. Board and Committee Assignments - 15 minutes

Commissioners present reported on assignments.

3. Announcements and Other Items - 10 minutes

None.

4. Commissioner Travel and Training Requests - 10 minutes

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Aye: 6 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Celso

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