



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

02/06/2025

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 6:06 p.m.

Commissioner Romano arrived late at 6:17 p.m. **Commissioner Kirby** arrived late at 6:23 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [24-1254](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the October 3, 2024 Meeting.

The October 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes were continued to March 6, 2025 due to a quorum not present at the time the item was heard.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-1235](#) Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) (PLN24-00465) for 1435 Lexington Street.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the Mills Act Application and associated 10-Year Plan for restoration and maintenance accomplish the intent of preserving and maintaining the historical significance of the property; and therefore, recommend City Council approve of the City entering into a Mills Act Contract with the property owner, and the adoption of a 10-Year Restoration and Maintenance Plan associated with the Historical Preservation Agreement for the property located at 1435 Lexington Street.

Assistant Planner Alex Tellez provided the staff presentation. **Chair Leung** recused herself due to proximity of her residence.

Public Speaker:

Homeowner Jonathan Ye

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

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kirby, and Commissioner Romano

Recused: 1 - Chair Leung

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to approve this item and to expend funds to purchase a bronze plaque stating the year of construction.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Kirby, and Commissioner Romano

Recused: 1 - Chair Leung

3. [24-1142](#) PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of the Proposed Demolition of the Existing Single-Family Residence and Construction of a 2,446 Square-Foot Five-Bedroom, Three-Bathroom Two-Story Residence with an Attached Two Car Garage at 970 Poplar Street (PLN24-00600) located within 200 Feet of a Historic Resource.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 970 Poplar Street will not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the HRI listed property within 200 feet at 410 Lafayette Way; that the demolition and proposed residence are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and recommend approval of the Architectural Review.

Associate Planner Daniel Sobczak provided the staff presentation.

Public Speaker:

Homeowner Antonio Bunting

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to approve this item.

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

4. [25-119](#) PUBLIC HEARING: Recommendation on the Proposed 627 Square-Foot First Floor Addition and a 1,276 Square-Foot Second Floor Addition to an Existing 1,958 Square-Foot Single-Story Residence Resulting in a 3,939 Square-Foot Four-Bedroom, Three-Bathroom Two-Story Residence with an Attached Three Car Garage at 807 Park Court (PLN24-00585) located within 200 Feet of a Historic Resource.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 807 Park Court will not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the HRI listed property within 200 feet at 794 Park Court; that the proposed construction is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and recommend approval of the Architectural Review at the Development Review Hearing.

Assistant Planner Alex Tellez provided the staff presentation.

Public Speaker:

Homeowner Tony and Terra Vitarelli

A motion was made by Commissioner Kirby, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to close public hearing.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to approve this item.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Commissioner Inciarte

Nay: 1 - Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

5. [25-121](#) PUBLIC HEARING: Recommendation on the New Construction of Nine Two-Story Townhomes with Attached Two-Car Garages at 4249 Cheeney Street (PLN2019-13847) located within 200 Feet of a Historic Resource.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 4249 Cheeney Street will not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the HRI listed properties within 200 feet at 2086 Agnew Road and 4262 Davis Street; that the demolition and proposed residence are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and recommend approval of the Architectural Review at the Development Review Hearing

Senior Planner Steve Le provided the staff presentation.

Public Speakers:

Homeowner Saul Flores
Natalie Forood

A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to close public hearing.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to approve this item, with recommendation to lighten the color scheme with less contrast.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Nay: 2 - Commissioner Kirby, and Commissioner Stocks

6. [24-1255](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Workplan Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

Principal Planner Rebecca Bustos provided the staff presentation.

STAFF REPORT

1. Training and Travel Request

2025 California Preservation Conference, Sacramento, CA, May 6 - May 10, 2025

Commissioner Inciarte, and **Commissioner Kirby** requested to attend the Conference. **Commissioner Romano** and **Chair Leung** were tentative.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Kirby to expend funds for Commissioner attendance at the conference.

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

2. Budget Update

Commissioner Celso raised questions regarding if there was interest accumulating on the budget, and if it was replenished each year.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

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
Park Court Neighborhood

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Stocks to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 6, 2025.

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

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