



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

11/06/2025

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 6:02 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. [25-1546](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the October 2, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Celso, to approve staff recommendation. Chair Leung abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the October meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Abstained: 1 - Chair Leung

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Comments: **None.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-1557](#) Recap of CPF Conference - May 2025

Commissioner Romano provided a presentation.

3. [25-1558](#) Potential Landmark Designation for Tiburcio Vásquez Gravesite

The Commission discussed this item and concluded that additional information about Mr. Vasquez is needed before they can definitively support a historic designation. Staff will follow up with City Historian Lorie Garcia to obtain a more detailed biography of Mr. Vasquez, emphasizing his broader significance in California history and any specific connections he may have had with the City of Santa Clara.

STAFF REPORT

No updates on this item.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 Minutes

Outreach Subcommittee

No updates on this item.

2. Board/Committee

Lead/Alternate

Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium	Vargas-Smith / Romano
Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara	Vargas-Smith / Leung
Old Quad Residents Association	Leung
Development Review Hearing	Romano /Vargas-Smith
BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee	Vargas-Smith/ Leung
El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee	Leung
Downtown Precise Plan	Vargas-Smith/Stocks
Santa Clara Station Area Task Force	Leung/Stocks
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Commissioners provided updates on various items, meetings, and groups that they are assigned to.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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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