



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

10/03/2024

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 pm

Present 4 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Amy Kirby, Chair Patricia Leung, and Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte

Absent 3 - Commissioner Kathleen Romano, Commissioner Ed Stocks, and Vice Chair Ana Vargas-Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Celso to excuse Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Stocks.

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

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

STUDY SESSION

[24-977](#) Study Session on the Library Facilities Master Plan: Community Input

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. The purpose of this report is to support a Study Session on this topic and to receive input from the Historical and Landmarks Commission on the development of the City's Library Facilities Master Plan.

Jeff Davis and Kristilyn Vercruyse from MSR Design and Mila Rianto, Assistant Librarian provided a presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [24-975](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the September 5, 2024 Meeting.

Commissioner Celso provided some corrections to the minutes-
Commissioner Stocks Voted Chair Vargas-Smith for Chair. Chair Vargas-Smith voted **Commissioner Celso** for **Chair** but he declined.

Motion to approve this item was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Celso.

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

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-883](#) Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) (PLN24-00423) for 1309 Alviso 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 1309 Alviso Street.

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

Motion to approve this item was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, with the condition for applicant to get clarification if the railing on the front porch was a historical feature and to approve a bronze plaque with a date of 1890.

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

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

3. [24-927](#) Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) (File No. PLN24-00431) for 811 Monroe Street

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission determine the project to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Section 1561(b)(3) and 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 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 811 Monroe Street.

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

Motion to approve this item was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve a bronze plaque with a date of 1903.

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

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

STAFF REPORT

- 1. Historic Preservation Update
- 2. Historic Repair Report
- 3. Training and Travel Request
- 4. Budget Update

Senior Planner Nimisha Agrawal provided updates. The HLC drafted a memo that was presented to the commission and will be part of the minutes. Staff will prepare a cover memo for the presentation to the Council in the coming months and will update the commission on the Council date. Commissioner Celso pointed out that on page 16 of the memo the word "however" is used twice.

Staff shared the Historic Preservation Ordinance (HPO) Matrix that will be posted on the Historic Preservation page on The City's website. Staff provided an update on the budget.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

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
Park Court Neighborhood	

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Celso to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting is November 7, 2024.

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

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

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